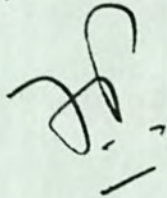




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MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FOOD

- with PM 16/11*
1. In your letter of 15 November you commented on Copenhagen telegram 373 which raises the question of the handling of fisheries at the European Council.
 2. I entirely agree with you that it is essential to avoid an outcome at the European Council which would suggest that the pressure to reach a settlement was on anyone but the Danes. I shall be seeing my Danish colleague in Brussels next week, and the Danish Prime Minister is coming to London on Monday. So there will be no lack of opportunity to get the message across. Our Ambassador will play her part in this, but before sending her in to talk to the Danish Foreign Minister we must decide whether we want a Fisheries Council before the European Council or not.
 3. Incidentally, I hope that you do not think that she has expressed undue sympathy for the Danish position. She has put across our case firmly and skilfully and reported very clearly on the position of the Danish government.
 4. I am copying this to the Prime Minister, George Younger and Sir R Armstrong.


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