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TELCON HURR/RESIDENT CLERK: MESSAGE TO M MAUROY

1. PLEASE ARRANGE DELIVERY OF FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO M MAUROY, BEFORE MR SCHLUETER CALLS ON HIM TOMORROW (23 NOVEMBER):

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DEAR PRIME MINISTER,

COMMON FISHERIES POLICY (UNDERLINED)

THE DANISH PRIME MINISTER HAS JUST LEFT ME, AND IS ON HIS WAY TO TALK WITH YOU. DOUBTLESS THE COMMON FISHERIES POLICY WILL BE HIGH ON THE AGENDA FOR HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU, AS IT WAS IN LONDON

MY MINISTER OF FISHERIES WILL GIVE HIS FRENCH OPPOSITE NUMBER A FULL ACCOUNT OF OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE DANISH PRIME MINISTER EARLY TOMORROW MORNING. I FORMED THE VIEW THAT THE FIRMNESS WE HAVE SHOWN IN RESISTING DANISH DEMANDS FOR YET MORE CONCESSIONS IS BEGINNING TO HAVE REAL EFFECT ON DANISH GOVERNMENT THINKING. IF WE CAN MAINTAIN A VERY FIRM AND UNITED FRONT FOR JUST A LITTLE LONGER WE SHALL ACHIEVE A BREAKTHROUGH. I DO EARNESTLY HOPE THEREFORE THAT YOU TOO WILL IMPRESS UPON THE DANISH PRIME MINISTER THAT WE ARE AT THE END OF THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS AND THE TIME HAS COME TO SETTLE. MATTERS CAN ONLY GET WORSE FOR DENMARK (AND THE COMMUNITY) IF IT PERSISTS WITH ITS VETO.

THE SLIGHTEST INDICATION THAT ANY ONE OF THE NINE IS PREPARED TO CONTEMPLATE FURTHER NEGOTIATION AND CONCESSIONS WILL ENCOURAGE DENMARK TO CONTINUE IN ISOLATION, AS WELL AS DESTROYING THE

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SOLIDARITY OF THE NINE WHICH REPRESENTS OUR BEST WEAPON IN REACHING
A SATISFACTORY END OF THIS WORRYING DISPUTE.

YOURS SINCERELY,
MARGARET THATCHER.

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From the Private Secretary

22 November, 1982

Dear Stuart,

COMMON FISHERIES POLICY

Following her talks with the Danish Prime Minister tonight, the Prime Minister would like the enclosed message to be delivered to the Prime Minister of France before Monsieur Mauroy sees Mr Schlueter tomorrow. I should be grateful if you could arrange for its urgent despatch.

I am copying this letter to John Holmes, (Foreign and Commonwealth Office), Robert Lawson (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food) and David Hancock (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever
John Cole.

The Resident Clerk
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Dear Prime Minister,

COMMON FISHERIES POLICY

The Danish Prime Minister has just left me, and is on his way to talk with you. Doubtless the Common Fisheries Policy will be high on the agenda for his discussions with you, as it was in London.

My Minister of Fisheries will give his French opposite number a full account of our discussions with the Danish Prime Minister early tomorrow morning. I formed the view that the firmness we have shown in resisting Danish demands for yet more concessions is beginning to have real effect on Danish government thinking. If we can maintain a very firm and united front for just a little longer we shall achieve a breakthrough. I do earnestly hope therefore that you too will impress upon the Danish Prime Minister that we are at the end of the negotiating process and the time has come to settle. Matters can only get worse for Denmark (and the Community) if it persists with its veto.

The slightest indication that any one of the Nine is prepared to contemplate further negotiation and concessions will encourage Denmark to continue in isolation, as well as destroying the solidarity of the Nine which represents our best weapon in reaching a satisfactory end of this worrying dispute.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Thatcher

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