



From the Minister's  
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Prime Minister

I really think you have said enough  
to Mr. Schlüter. It devalues your  
messages if we send too many and do  
not make new points. He is ~~in~~ in no  
doubt about your views.

25 November 1982

do you wish to send the message?

Dear John,

No ✓ A.F.C. 25/11

--- I am enclosing a message which my Minister  
hopes the Prime Minister will be willing to  
send to Mr Schlüter. The message is, I hope,  
self-explanatory.

Copies go to Brian Fall (FCO), Muir Russell  
(Scottish Office) and Richard Hatfield (Cabinet  
Office).

Yours sincerely,

J E ROBBS  
Assistant Private  
Secretary

DRAFT MESSAGE FOR PRIME MINISTER TO SEND TO SCHLÜTER<sup>"</sup>

I very much enjoyed our talks on 22 November. I have now heard that your Foreign Minister declined, at Tuesday's Foreign Affairs Council, to agree that the Common Fisheries Policy should be on the agenda for the European Council. Now that we are clear that there will be a Fisheries Council on 29 November, I very much hope that agreement will be reached at that meeting. I must however, emphasise that failure to agree at that Council will inevitably mean that there will have to be a full discussion on fisheries at Copenhagen. I made that clear to you on Monday, and I know that other Heads of State and Government would also see the need for such a discussion.

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*From the Private Secretary*

26 November 1982

COMMON FISHERIES POLICY

John Robbs wrote to me on 25 November enclosing a message which Mr. Walker proposed that the Prime Minister should send to the Prime Minister of Denmark.

The Prime Minister is inclined to think that a message on these lines would not serve a very useful purpose. She feels that Mr. Schluter is in no doubt about her views and that there is a danger of devaluing Prime Ministerial messages if we send too many too often.

I am copying this letter to Brian Fall (FCO), Muir Russell (Scottish Office) and Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

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