

I think this ought ①



to be laid

before

Parliament

before we

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sign it.

Prime Minister

Ask the L.P. Mr

You may prefer to leave this till
the weekend.

2. I do not think it will do any
harm to sign this verbose
document and Kohl will be
upset if we make difficulties.

3. Agree:-

(a) that Mr. Hurd should, on 1
March, take the line in para. 4

(b) that provided our views are met
on the outstanding points you will
sign the document at the European
Council on 21/22 March?

I dislike it
intensely.

Mr A.S.C. 16.
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bc Sir A. Parsons

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From the Private Secretary

17 February 1983

Genscher/Colombo Proposals

The Prime Minister has seen the minute of 16 February by the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary about the status of the Genscher/Colombo proposals and the likelihood that, if outstanding points are resolved, the agreed text will be put to the European Council on 21/22 March for formal approval and signature by Heads of State and Government.

The Prime Minister has asked whether the text ought to be laid before Parliament before signature. She would be grateful for the views of the Lord President as soon as possible on this question.

In the light of those views the Prime Minister will consider again the recommendations of the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary as to the line which Mr. Hurd should take at the meeting of EC Foreign Ministers on 1 March.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to the other members of OD and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

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