

PRIME MINISTEREUROPEAN COMMUNITY ENLARGEMENT

You mentioned in Cabinet this morning that there should be a discussion of the enlargement negotiations in a smaller group of Ministers.

David Williamson and I have had a word about this. We suggest:

- (a) the matter should be brought up at OD(E) next Tuesday. The FCO would then be asked to do a paper on the crucial issues in the negotiations for consideration by
- (b) an ad hoc meeting of Ministers after Cabinet on 13 September.

Since nothing much is likely to happen in the negotiations during August, this timing should be all right. A meeting on 13 September would be before the September Foreign Affairs Council which will be crucial.

Those invited for the ad hoc meeting might be the Lord President, the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, the Minister of Agriculture, plus Mr. Williamson and Sir Michael Butler.

Agree?

Yes not

C.D.P.

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cc: P.C.

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From the Private Secretary

23 July, 1984

ENLARGEMENT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

The Prime Minister said in Cabinet on 19 July that she would like to review the main outstanding issues in the enlargement negotiations with a small group of Ministers directly concerned.

I understand that the state of the enlargement negotiations is on the agenda of a meeting of OD(E) shortly. It might be helpful if the meeting were to commission a paper on the most difficult outstanding issues on the negotiations which could be considered by an ad hoc meeting of Ministers after Cabinet on 13 September. This would allow Ministers to reach any necessary decisions before the September Foreign Affairs Council at which I understand these issues will be addressed.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Janet Lewis-Jones (Lord President's Office), David Peretz (HM Treasury), Callum McCarthy (Department of Trade and Industry), Ivor Llewelyn (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food) and to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

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