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Prime Minister
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Dodge Committee.
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COMMITTEE ON PEOPLE'S EUROPE

This Committee, on which I represent the United Kingdom, is now under way. We expect that it will inform the European Council on 3-4 December of the main topics on which work is being undertaken. Its report will be made to the European Council in March or June 1985.

2. The first impression of the Committee's approach is quite good. We were able to obtain support for the view that the Committee should concentrate on practical actions likely to be of real benefit to the ordinary citizen, in particular in these areas -

- personal travel and transport (freer and cheaper travel across frontiers, but without, of course, prejudicing security or immigration controls);
- movement of goods (eg obstructions at frontiers);
- freedom of establishment and recognition of professional qualifications;
- youth exchanges.

We made no proposals ourselves on the various "symbolic" ideas in the text which the French Presidency issued (on its own authority) after Fontainebleau, and there was also scepticism from at least some other members on these ideas.

3. In informal discussions we supported the Italian candidate for the chairmanship, in line with the discussion at the

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Anglo-Italian summit. This was clearly appreciated by the Italians. A final decision on the chairmanship will be made at the beginning of the Committee's next meeting.

4. I am sending a copy to Colin Budd (FCO) and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

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8 November 1984

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*From the Private Secretary*MR. WILLIAMSON

COMMITTEE ON PEOPLE'S EUROPE

Thank you for your minute of 8 November about the first meeting of this Committee. The Prime Minister has noted your comments and said that this looks a more realistic and practical exercise than the Dooge Committee.

I am copying this minute to Mr. Budd in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

(C.D. POWELL)
9 November 1984

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From the Private Secretary

1 November 1984

European Community: Chairmanship of
the Ad Hoc Committee on "A People's
Europe"

Thank you for your letter of 29 October about the candidacy of Andonnino for Chairmanship of the Ad Hoc Committee on "A People's Europe".

The Prime Minister agrees that we should support him.

(C.D. POWELL)

C.R. Budd, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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