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PRIME MINISTER

Cabinet: Community Affairs

Unless it has already been covered under Foreign Affairs, you may wish to inform Cabinet of the Community aspects of your talks with Chancellor Kohl on 18 January.

2. There have been no Council meetings since last week's Cabinet. But the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary may report on his meeting with Monsieur Dumas, the French Minister of Foreign Affairs, on 22 January, when they discussed the work of the Dooge Committee and the prospects for the forthcoming agricultural price-fixing (on which the Commission's proposals seem likely to be very restrictive, with almost no price increases and some decreases).

3. In case it is raised, you should be aware that:

a. the European Democratic Group is seeking to delay the setting up of the European Parliament's objectionable enquiry on the policing of the miners' strike;

b. contrary to certain press reports, the United Kingdom has made no proposal in the Committee on People's Europe for a European stamp. The Chairman mentioned this point at the last meeting, but there has been no discussion there of the form of such a stamp and absolutely no reference to not including The Queen's head.



4. The Foreign Affairs Council will meet on 28-29 January, when the main issue will again be the progress of the enlargement negotiations with Spain and Portugal.

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COMMITTEE ON PEOPLE'S EUROPE

At its meeting yesterday the Committee made excellent progress on ways of easing the movement of travellers and goods within the Community. The question of travellers' goods was covered in a paper which we submitted after clearance with all Departments concerned. Many of the British objectives are likely to be carried in due course into the report.

I note, however, that there is also a reference in today's Times to a "stamp for Europe". We have submitted no proposal on stamps. On the initiative of the Chairman there was a brief discussion yesterday whether it would be feasible to commemorate the enlargement of the Community by the issue of a single stamp in the twelve member states or whether the occasion might be marked by including a common symbol on different stamps in the various member states. There are at present different postage rates in some countries of the Community. There was absolutely no discussion of the form of the stamp or of the inclusion of the Queen's head on it.

I am sending copies to Mr Budd (FCO), Mr McCarthy (DTI) and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

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