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Dear Mr.,

DOOGE COMMITTEE: NETHERLANDS VIEWS ON THE LUXEMBOURG COMPROMISE

Mr Powell circulated on 26 January a record of the meeting between the Prime Minister and the Netherlands Prime Minister. This records correctly that Mr van den Broek stated that the Netherlands would now be prepared to accept the Luxembourg Compromise if it were also accepted that the voting provisions of the Treaty would be applied fully. In briefing Mr Rifkind you may wish to keep in mind that Mr Lubbers did use the phrase "formalise the Luxembourg Compromise" which does represent an important change in the Netherlands' position and could perhaps be significant in the further discussions in the Dooge Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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