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*We cannot agree*  
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INTEGRATED MEDITERRANEAN PROGRAMMES : NEW COMMISSION PROPOSALS.

1. WE HAVE DE-BRIEFED THE COCKFIELD CABINET FOLLOWING COMMISSION DISCUSSION OF THE DRAFT COMMUNICATIONS BY PRESIDENT DELORS (MUFAXED TO ECD(1)) OUT-LINING HIS NEW PROPOSALS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE DRAFT PROPOSAL SURVIVED SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT INCLUDING THE FIGURE OF 2 BILLION ECU FOR EXTEA EXPENDITURE. IT APPEARS THAT LORD COCKFIELD MAY HAVE BEEN THE ONLY COMMISSIONER SERIOUSLY TO QUESTION THE PROPOSALS.
2. THE RESULT OF THE DISCUSSION SEEMS TO BE THAT AN INNER GROUP OF COMMISSIONERS (IT IS NOT CLEAR WHICH BUT PRESUMABLY IT WILL INCLUDE DELORS, SUTHERLAND, VARFIS AND ANDRIESEN WHO HAVE THE MAIN STRUCTURAL FUND RESPONSIBILITIES) WILL BE SET UP TO PREPARE A FRAMEWORK REGULATION. THIS WILL INCLUDE INTER ALIA DETAILS OF HOW MUCH OF THE EXISTING STRUCTURAL FUNDS IT TO BE EAR-MARKED FOR SPENDING ASSOCIATED WITH IMPS.
3. WE ARE CONTINUING TO TRY TO GET AN ENGLISH VERSION OF THE DRAFT COMMUNICATIONS AND TO GET CLARIFICATION OF A NUMBER OF THE QUESTIONS RAISED BY THOSE CONCERNED.

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*From the Private Secretary*

25 February 1985

INTEGRATED MEDITERRANEAN PROGRAMMES:  
NEW COMMISSION PROPOSALS

The Prime Minister has noted UKREP Brussels Telegram No. 654 conveying an account of new Commission proposals on integrated Mediterranean programmes.

The Prime Minister has noted that the figure of 2 billion ecu for extra expenditure is one which we cannot agree.

I am copying this letter to Rachel Lomax (HM Treasury), Ivor Llewelyn (MAFF) and David Williamson (Cabinet Office).

(Charles Powell)

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