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NOTE FOR THE RECORDDEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMUNITY: FOLLOW-UP TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING WITH CHANCELLOR KOHL

I spoke to Herr Ruhfus again this afternoon, giving him a very brief outline of the generally favourable response which Monsieur Dumas had given to our ideas at the meeting with the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary. The main points which arose in my discussion with Herr Ruhfus were:-

(i) the Germans will be ready to give us some specific comments on the draft agreement on political cooperation when they meet us in Bonn tomorrow;

(ii) they will give us some further comments on our programme for completing the common market. This may take a few more days;

(iii) Herr Ruhfus was extremely pleased that there would be the meeting tomorrow in Bonn about the approach to the Community proposals on EUREKA, technological co-operation and the development of a wider market for new technological products;

(iv) Herr Ruhfus reiterated that, although there was a good deal of common ground between the Federal Republic of Germany and the United Kingdom on decision making, our ideas did not go as far as the Federal German Chancellor's. While accepting that there should be a "financial veto" he remained anxious to move towards majority voting in relation to other articles of the Treaty. In explanation of the "financial veto" Herr Ruhfus said that this referred, in particular, to Article 201 of the Treaty and possibly some other financial articles.

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DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMUNITY: GERMAN VIEWS

In the course of a discussion with Herr Ruhfus this afternoon on other points, he asked me to emphasise that, in addition to the other matters raised by the Federal German Chancellor at Chequers on 18 May, the Federal Republic of Germany wished to reiterate that British membership of the Exchange Rate Mechanism in the European Monetary System was a German objective and that our participation would be welcome. I think that he went out of his way to make this point because Chancellor Kohl had intended to do so but had not done so at Chequers.

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