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Prime Minister

I think that he  
will report quite  
optimistically on his  
talks with the  
German, saying that  
Woerner at least is  
continuing to work for  
a 5 or 4-power  
project and not  
go in alone with the  
French - CDP



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EUREKA - PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS.

You will have seen the telegram describing the satisfactory outcome of yesterday's Eureka meeting in Paris. I imagine that it is possible that the UK's approach to Eureka will be raised in Prime Minister's Questions this afternoon.

2. Today's Financial Times carries an accurate report of President Mitterand's pledge of FF 1bn state funding for Eureka projects in 1986 and Herr Genscher's similar pledge of DM 300m. I think it is important that the Prime Minister does not rule out the possibility of re-allocating existing Departmental spend to Eureka projects in the UK. Our industrialists have so far responded quite well to the thought of privately funded Eureka projects with continental partners, and it will be disappointing for them if they feel that their partners will have highly favourable treatment with state cash.

3. I suggest the following line:

"I was pleased to hear that the UK's advocacy of a market-led approach to Eureka received widespread approval from other countries at yesterday's meeting in Paris. Our European partners clearly accept the UK's diagnosis of the problem of Europe's lack of competitiveness with the USA and Japan as being a failure to **exploit** our great strengths in science and technology. Our companies are discussing with their continental counterparts various initiatives which they might take to overcome this problem in the context of the Eureka proposal. And our financiers are already looking at how the City's financial strengths can be harnessed to meet the problem. On the question of public finance, it will be for Departments to decide whether their resources can be more effectively utilised in support of some Eureka activities than for their present uses."

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PRIME MINISTER

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EUREKA MEETING 17 JULY - ATTENDANCE.

The meeting on Eureka, which France agreed to convene at the European Council, has now been fixed for 17 July. The meeting will be opened by President Mitterand.

2. The French have asked for Ministers for Foreign Affairs and for Research to attend whilst accepting that the European Council communique gave some latitude to countries on attendance. They will be represented by Dumas who will chair the meeting and Curien. We understand that Genscher will be coming and probably Andreotti as well.

3. In the circumstances the Foreign Secretary has decided that he has no alternative but to attend and he will be accompanied by Mr Pattie and by me. This departs somewhat from our thoughts immediately after Milan, but I think it is the right representation given the nature of the meeting which the French have decided on.

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