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FROM THE PRIVATE SECRETARY
TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR WALES

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12 September 1985

Dear Mr. Appleyard,

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF COMMUNITY REGIONAL POLICY AND THE EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

... I attach a copy of a letter which my Secretary of State has sent to the Commission in response to the invitation to attend the 10th Anniversary Celebrations of the European Regional Development Fund on 28 November 1985.

In view of the pressure on diaries around that time, my Secretary of State has also decided not to proceed with plans for general meetings with Commissioners on the preceding day about which I wrote on 16 August. The Secretary of State does, however, still intend to visit Brussels to meet with Commissioners in the near future and will, in any event, be giving evidence to the European Parliamentary Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and Industrial Policy enquiry on Steel crisis regions if a mutually convenient date can be agreed. I will therefore be in touch with you again, once a suitable alternative date has been found.

/ Copies of this letter go the Private Secretaries to the Prime Minister, the Lord Privy Seal, Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Secretaries of State for Scotland, Northern Ireland, Environment, Trade and Industry and Employment, the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and to Dr E Jones Parry and Mr I Knight Smith, in the United Kingdom's Permanent Representation in Brussels.

Yours sincerely,
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12 September 1985

Dear Mr. Dotto,

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF COMMUNITY REGIONAL POLICY AND THE EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

My Secretary of State has asked me to thank you for your kind invitation to attend the forthcoming celebrations which mark the 10th Anniversary of Community Regional Policy and of the European Regional Development Fund.

Unfortunately, the Secretary of State will be unable to attend the Seminar planned for 28 November due to Ministerial business. However, he would welcome the opportunity for a senior official of the Department - Mr H R Bollington - to attend on his behalf.

Yours sincerely,

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10TH ANNIVERSARY OF COMMUNITY REGIONAL POLICY AND THE
EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

Problem

The Private Secretary to the Secretary of State for Wales wrote to the PS to the Foreign Secretary saying that Mr Edwards does not propose to attend the celebrations of the above Anniversary.

Recommendation

2 No action is needed.

Explanation

3 We understand that the proposed "celebrations" will consist of a series of lectures by senior Commission officials, and the advice of UK officials is that no UK Minister should attend, but that appropriate officials should do so.

4 The Secretary of State for Wales received an invitation because Wales is a "region". No DTI Minister has received an invitation, and it is at present unclear whether any will be offered.

5 Mr Dell has been invited, as he is a member of the EC Regional Policy Committee. I shall probably be invited as a member of the European Regional Development Fund Committee.

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