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*Dear Charles,*Anglo-French Summit: Brief for handling the plenary

I understand that you asked for a note of the subjects likely to be covered by Ministers reporting to the plenary session on Monday, with brief lines for the Prime Minister to take. I enclose such a list, which has been cleared as far as possible with the Departments concerned.

I am copying this letter to Michael Stark at the Cabinet Office.

*Yours ever,**Colin Budd*

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HANDLING BRIEF FOR PLENARY SESSION

Report on discussions by Foreign Ministers

- a) East/West Relations and Arms Control
 - need to avoid opportunities for Soviet and media wedge-driving
- b) Falklands/Argentina
 - efforts to normalize relations with Argentina
 - crucial importance of French abstention
- c) Southern Africa
 - encourage dialogue, not drive South Africans into state of siege
- d) Middle East
 - need to maintain support for Hussein
 - importance of working together on hostage problems
- e) Joint Report on bilateral relations
 - reminder of breadth/depth of relationship
 - propose to draw on at press conference

Report on discussions by Defence Ministers

- a) European Security Cooperation (WEU, IEPG)
 - welcome as contribution to strengthening of Alliance
- b) Bilateral Defence Relations
 - welcome further strengthening of defence links including preparation of joint threat assessment
 - resumption of nuclear submarine visits particularly noteworthy: propose to refer to this at press conference
- c) Equipment collaboration
 - agree efforts needed to identify new opportunities

d) European Fighter Aircraft

- support collaboration in principle, but work must not be slowed down

Report on discussions by Trade and Industry Ministersa) Industrial collaboration

- on Guangdong, must continue to stand together
- on Westlands, would like to see a European solution
- on Airbus, welcome success of A320: for industry to determine priorities for new versions
- welcome IT collaboration - important to build on existing relationships

b) International Trade

- must start formal preparations for launching new GATT Round very soon
- right that Japan sets itself an import target. Must work for international recognition of this
- US needs help in resisting congressional pressures for protectionism. EC should play its part

Report on discussions by Research Ministersa) EUREKA

- Hanover - momentum to be maintained during UK "chairmanship"
- primacy of the market and private finance
- reserve position on Secretariat siting

b) SNS/ESRF

- French commitment to SNS at 10 December Research Council

Report on discussions by Transport Ministers

a) Channel Fixed Link

- endorse joint statement for Press Conference
- no prejudgement
- lorry quotas

b) Follow-up to Transport Council

- support liberalization on shipping, road haulage, aviation

Report on discussions by Interior Ministers

a) Counter-terrorism

- importance of bilateral and multilateral collaboration
- need for closer contacts on hostages

Report on discussions by Ministers for European Affairs

a) IGC/Luxembourg Council

- underline convergence of views and wish to work with French (and Germans)
- avoid commitment to firm position

b) Internal Market

- must speed up completion, while safeguarding legitimate national concerns