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FOR PM'S PARTY IN PARIS

FOR CHARLES POWELL

DEAR CHARLES

ANGLO-FRENCH SUMMIT: LAROSIERE SUCCESSION

THE CHANCELLOR HAS BEEN KEEPING THE PRIME MINISTER INFORMED ON THIS SUBJECT. IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT THE FRENCH WILL RAISE THE QUESTION WITH HER TODAY. BUT IF THE MATTER WERE TO COME UP, THE CHANCELLOR SUGGESTS THAT THE PRIME MINISTER TAKES THE LINE:

- THAT IT IS DESIRABLE THAT THERE SHOULD BE ONE EUROPEAN CANDIDATE: OTHERWISE THE MATTER IN EFFECT WILL BE DECIDED OUTSIDE EUROPE.

- (AGAINST A SNAP VOTE IN THE EXECUTIVE BOARD) IT IS DESIRABLE THAT THE EVENTUAL SUCCESSOR SHOULD ENJOY A SUBSTANTIAL MAJORITY OF SUPPORT.

- ALTHOUGH THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION AT THE RECENT ECOFIN, OUR VIEW IS THAT EUROPEAN OPINION IS STILL DEADLOCKED.

- (IF ASKED) IF THAT REPRESENTED A WAY TO BREAK THE DEADLOCK, WE WOULD NOT RULE OUT MORSE AND INDEED BELIEVE HE WOULD BE A GOOD CANDIDATE. BUT FOR THE PRESENT THERE ARE ONLY TWO OFFICIAL CANDIDATES.

AIRBUS

THE CHANCELLOR WAS MOST CONCERNED TO SEE THE LINE TO TAKE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S BRIEF ON AIRBUS. HE THINKS THIS HAS THE WRONG EMPHASIS ALTOGETHER.

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