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MOROCCO: EC MEMBERSHIP

David Williamson phoned from Brussels to say that the President of the Community and the President of the Commission have received a long letter from King Hassan. This is regal and discursive and it is not quite clear whether the letter is an application for membership.

In Brussels they are taking the line that the letter requires careful analysis and they would not want to anticipate that. In answer to the question whether membership was discussed with the Prime Minister, they are saying that his speeches referred to his wish for a closer relationship with the European Community.

I have given this information to Bernard Ingham.

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