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cc: Mr de Fonblanque
Mr Jones Parry, ECN(E), FCO

Sir J Kerr

ENLARGEMENT: COMMISSION DISCUSSION

1. Mr Cary (Brittan Cabinet) called to give an early read-out of today's discussion in the College on enlargement. It went well.

2. Andriessen presented a personal paper for discussion, which was withdrawn at the end of the meeting. It contained a number of "propositions" on enlargement. Discussion focussed on two of them: the need for major institutional change to prepare for enlargement and the need for a Dooge Committee/Group of Wise Men to consider the issues after Lisbon. Both ideas were rejected by the majority of Commissioners. Mr Cary's impression is that Delors did not lead the debate, but did intervene to say that while Andriessen's ideas had intellectual force, they were more than the Community could bear at the moment. If the Commission pushed them they could end up as the scapegoat for subsequent difficulties.

3. Andriessen retired hurt: he had watered down the ideas in his papers to respect the sense of previous discussions, he did not understand how his colleagues could now reject them, enlargement on the present basis would dilute the Community, it would be difficult to present the Commission's views to the Conclave but he would do his best.

4. As expected, there will be no Commission paper for the Conclave.

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