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PRIME MINISTER

Lunch for President of EC Commission

You are giving M. Thorn a working lunch next Friday (16 March). He will be accompanied by two officials. The Foreign Secretary cannot be present. May I ask David Williamson and Michael Butler to be there?

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President of the European Commission

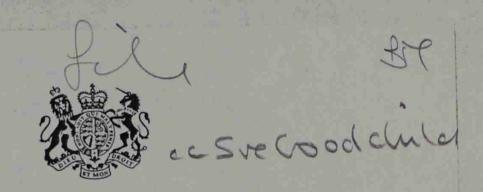
M. Thorn wishes to pay his usual round of visits to capitals before the European Council. He wants to come here last.

You could give him a working lunch on Friday, 16 March. Agree?

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Visit of M. Thorn: 16/3. In your letter of 9/3 you asked the fco Car the names of the two officials who will be accompanying M. Thom. I chared la on answer; they will be; M. Biroli M. Shaub. Details will be gwei in the brel.



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From the Private Secretary

9 March 1984

Visit of President of EC Commission

I understand that M. Thorn wishes to be accompanied by two officials at his working lunch with the Prime Minister next Friday, 16 March. I should be grateful if you could let me have their names in due course.

You told me that the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary would not be able to attend. The Prime Minister would be grateful if Sir Michael Butler and Mr. Williamson could be present.

I am copying this letter to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

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From the Private Secretary

12 March 1984

M. Thorn's Meeting with the Prime Minister

Thank you for your letter of 9 March. I agree with the telegram of instructions which you propose to send to UKREP Brussels today.

A. J. COLES

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9 March 1984

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M. Thorn's Meeting with the Prime Minister: 16 March

UKRep Brussels have told us that M. Thorn's Cabinet would like to make a press announcement at 1200 hours on Wednesday 14 March in Strasbourg, about M. Thorn's visit to London on Friday, 16 March. The announcement will say that M. Thorn will visit Rome, Bonn, The Hague and London between 14 and 16 March for Community discussions prior to the European Council. The Thorn Cabinet have suggested that a simultaneous announcement should be made in London.

I understand that no prior announcement was made of the similar visit of Thorn before Athens and that your press office would prefer to follow this precedent and simply brief lobby correspondents on the morning of the visit.

Given that M. Thorn would like to announce his visit, we suggest that, once that announcement has been made, you and we should simply confirm, if asked, that he will be coming to London on 16 March. I enclose a draft telegram to UKRep which, if you agree, we would propose to despatch on Monday.

(R B Bone)

Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq 10 Downing Street Mith the compliments of That you the PRIVATE SECRETARY 5/3.

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You asked about a meal for M. Thorn on or around 15 March. I can do a lunch on Friday, 16 March, or a dinner (if absolutely necessary).

The Prime Minister is also free for dinner on Thursday, 15 March but she will be giving a big reception for the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association that evening so this is obviously not an ideal date unless it was going to be a working dinner.

I could also do lunch or dinner on Wednesday, 14 March.

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28 February, 1984



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