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*From the Private Secretary*

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SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE COMMISSION

The Prime Minister had a private word today with M. Delors about our hopes of securing the post of Secretary-General of the Commission for a British candidate when M. Noel retired. She confirmed that we had an excellent candidate in the person of Mr. David Williamson. M. Delors recalled the Prime Minister had raised the matter with him before and went on to say that Mr. Williamson was his preferred candidate. However, it might be up to two years before M. Noel retired; and Chancellor Kohl had been in touch to press the claims of a German candidate. The Prime Minister thinks that the name he mentioned was Herr Krenzler, but is not at all sure.

I am copying this letter to Sir Robert Armstrong.

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