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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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29 December 1986

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This is in the diary

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Dear Charles,

European Community: M. Delors' Visit to London: 5 February

M. Delors has suggested that he should visit London on Thursday 5 February to discuss his plans for the Commission's ex novo review of Community finance. The Foreign Secretary is arranging a meeting at which he, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and other Ministers directly involved in the subject matter of the review can go over the ground with M. Delors in some detail. The Foreign Secretary recommends that, after that meeting, M. Delors should call on the Prime Minister for about 45 minutes. I understand that the Prime Minister might be free to see him at 1700 hours on 5 February.

I am copying this letter to David Williamson (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever,

Colin Budd

(C R Budd)
Private Secretary

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MR POWELL (10 Downing Street)

Visit of Monsieur Delors

Perhaps you would let me know in due course how you expect to handle Monsieur Delors' meeting with the Prime Minister at 1700 hours on 5 February about the ex novo review. I assume that, as there is to be a fuller meeting between Monsieur Delors (probably accompanied by at least Mr Christophersen) and our Ministers, the Prime Minister will want to keep the meeting with Delors as small as possible. I should like to be present if it does not overload the boat.

D F Williamson

D F WILLIAMSON

31 December 1986



10 DOWNING STREET

MR. POWELL

The Foreign Office rang.

They are anxious that the Prime Minister should see M. Delors. They are writing but I have pencilled him in the diary for the afternoon of 4 February.

(CAROLINE RYDER)

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DELORS' TOUR OF CAPITALS.

1. I SPOKE TO DELORS' CHEF DE CABINET ON 23 DECEMBER. LAMY SAID THAT DELORS WAS THINKING OF VISITING LONDON IN THE FIRST WEEK OF FEBRUARY. I SAID THIS MET OUR TENTATIVE PREFERENCE FOR A SLOT TOWARDS THE END OF THE TOUR. WE THEN HAD SOME DISCUSSION OF DATES, LAMY HAVING IDENTIFIED 5 FEBRUARY. I POINTED OUT THAT CABINET MET THAT DAY OF THE WEEK AND THAT THERE WOULD ALSO BE THE COMPLICATION OF PRIME MINISTER'S QUESTIONS. HE THEN OFFERED 6 FEBRUARY AS AN ALTERNATIVE. WE CAN HAVE EITHER, BUT WILL NEED TO REVERT QUICKLY IF WE HAVE A CLEAR PREFERENCE.

2. LAMY REACTED VERY POSITIVELY TO THE POSSIBILITY OF A ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION WITH THE MINISTERS PRINCIPALLY INTERESTED, IN ADDITION TO MEETINGS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AND YOURSELF. WE AGREED TO BE IN TOUCH ABOUT THE PROGRAMME AFTER THE HOLIDAYS. GRATEFUL FOR INSTRUCTIONS.

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