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*Dear Dominic,*

**PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MITTERAND, 30 NOVEMBER:  
EUREKA**

I attach a short briefing note on EUREKA for the Prime Minister's meeting with President Mitterand on Wednesday 30 November.

During President Mitterand's recent meeting with Mr Gorbachev, it is reported that the French President raised the subject of participation by Eastern European organisations in EUREKA. It would seem that the French are not advocating an expansion of the EUREKA club per se, but are giving high political profile to the opportunities for participation in individual EUREKA projects by Eastern European organisations and firms.

Should the President raise this point, the Prime Minister could simply take note of his views and take the line as in the attached brief.

*Yours sincerely*  
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## EUREKA - increased Eastern European Participation

### LINE TO TAKE

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### Background Note

EUREKA is a pan-European (EC Twelve, EFTA Six, Turkey and the Commission) initiative established in 1985 to foster industrially led collaborative projects in all sectors of advanced technology products, processes and services.

2. The existing EUREKA rules allow for participation in projects by organisations from non-EUREKA countries in exceptional circumstances, subject to examination on a case-by-case basis. The UK, along with most other EUREKA countries, presently takes the view that these provisions are sufficient.

3. At his recent meeting with Mr Gorbachev, President Mitterand, reportedly discussed, in the context of European integration, increasing participation in EUREKA projects by Eastern European countries.

4. Organisations in Hungary and Yugoslavia are already participating in a few projects and the USSR and Czechoslovakia are likely to request joining the HDTV project.

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France is a non-European (EU) country, but it is a member of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE). It is also a member of the Council of Europe and the Western European Union (WEU). France is a major power in Europe and has a long history of international involvement.

The United States is a major power in the world and has a long history of international involvement. It is a member of the United Nations, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). The United States is also a major power in the world and has a long history of international involvement.

At his recent meeting with Mr. Gorbachev, President Bush reported that, in the context of European integration, increasing participation in EUREKA projects by East and West European countries.

Quantitative targets for EUREKA and YUSKAP are being participated in a few projects and the US and YUSKAP are likely to reduce jointing the project.