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Dear John,

July

Prime Minute:

The Chancellor cannot attend the meeting at the EEC at Chequers. John has already suggested that Mr Ridley deputises. The only other possibility is to postpone the meeting but 1 August 1983 it would be very difficult to find a time. Do you want to a) insist on a substitute or b) postpone the meeting

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We spoke about the Annex to your letter of 22 July, which revealed that the Prime Minister was planning a Chequers discussion on the Community, to be attended by the Chancellor and Geoffrey Littler, and that you had set this up for the afternoon of 9 September.

I explained that the timing caused us difficulties, for the Chancellor and Littler are committed to attending an ECOFIN meeting in Greece, starting on 9 September. But you saw no way of avoiding the clash.

I have accordingly consulted the Chancellor. He would very much like to attend both the seminar and the ECOFIN meeting; and he has asked whether you could explore again the possibility of a programme change which would make this feasible.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Brian Fall.

Yours ever.

John Kerr.

J O KERR
Principal Private Secretary

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From the Private Secretary

10 August 1983

Cancelled

I am writing to confirm that the meeting to discuss the European Community previously scheduled for 1600 on 9 September will now take place at 1800 on 15 September at Downing Street with the same participants.

I am sending a copy of this to John Kerr (HM Treasury), Robert Lawson (MAFF) and David Williamson (Cabinet Office).

Timothy Flesher

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10 August 1983

Tim Flesher Esq
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Dear Tim,

I write to thank you for sending me a copy of your letter today to John Holmes, and to confirm that the arrangements now agreed for the discussion on the European Community in September (6pm on 15 September at No 10) are entirely convenient to the Chancellor.

Yours ever,

J O Kerr

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Principal Private Secretary

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10 August 1983

The Director
of Learning Bureau

I write to thank you for sending me a copy of your letter dated 10 July 1983 and to confirm that the arrangements now agreed for the discussion of the Learning Bureau's proposals (see on 15 July 1983) are being put into effect.



Yours faithfully,
Principal Executive Secretary