

RECORD OF AN AD HOC MEETING IN CABINET OFFICE ON 30 APRIL 1982 AT 10.30 am CHAIRED BY MR HANCOCK

1. EC/Falklands: renewal of import ban

- a. UK aim should be to get Community to treat its renewal of the import ban as far as possible as a routine piece of business. We should stress, in so far as the situation allows, Government's willingness to continue the search for a settlement through negotiation.
- b. Sir M Butler to raise the subject in low key at COREPER lunch on 6 May. Foreign Secretary to be advised to get Foreign Ministers' agreement to renewal at their informal meeting on 8/9 May with a view to formal decision on a Commission proposal at COREPER on 10 May and/or by written procedure.

2. CAP Price Negotiations

c. FCO, in consultation with MAFF, to prepare a guidance telegram for posts setting out the cost of the package, the financial implications for the UK, particularly of the proposals on milk, cereals and Mediterranean products, and demonstrating its relevance to the Mandate negotiations on the CAP and the budget.

3. 30 May Mandate

- d. FCO to revise message, to be submitted by Cabinet Office, for Prime Minister to send to Schmidt, explaining the need to maintain the link between the budget negotiations and agricultural prices.
- e. Cabinet Office to submit on 30 April to Prime Minister and other interested Ministers proposal that Mr Hurd (whose agreement FCO to confirm) should see M Tindemans as her personal emissary on 4 May to show the UK's desire and willingness for the negotiations to make progress.
- f. Treasury to comment to Cabinet Office on Annex to submission explaining duties and significance of/levies in the contributions gap.
- g. Cabinet Office to circulate on 4 May draft paper for consideration by Ministers on 6 May, setting out UK negotiating stance for meeting of Foreign Ministers on 8/9 May. Draft to be finalised at meeting in Cabinet Office late on 5 May.

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