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Prime Minister

Agree this programme for your visit to Strasbourg? (It's a very early start. You may prefer to go the night before)

Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Visit to the European Parliament:
Strasbourg, 9 December

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23/x

You indicated in your letter of 25 February that the Prime Minister was willing to report to the European Parliament on the outcome of the European Council in Strasbourg on 9 December. I enclose the outline programme for this visit; it reflects the suggestions in my letter to you of 3 February. (The cost of the luncheon to be given by the Prime Minister in Strasbourg is met by the Council Secretariat.)

We propose that the Prime Minister should travel by RAF VC10, and if she agrees, that Mrs Chalker might accompany her on the outward journey. Mrs Chalker will remain in Strasbourg to take Question Time in the European Parliament after the departure of the Prime Minister. Sir Geoffrey Howe will travel separately to Strasbourg on the afternoon of 9 December to conduct a Colloquy on Political Cooperation and to report on the UK Presidency as a whole on the following day.

I should be grateful to know whether the Prime Minister is content with these arrangements.

Yours ever,
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VISIT BY THE PRIME MINISTER (ACCOMPANIED BY MRS CHALKER)
TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT : STRASBOURG, 9 DECEMBER

| (local times) | <u>Programme</u> |
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| 0645 | Depart Heathrow Southside in VC10 (flying time 1 hour 30 minutes) |
| 0915 | Arrive Strasbourg-Entzheim Airport |
| 0945 | Arrive Palais de l'Europe |
| 1000 | Prime Minister reports to the EP on the London European Council (followed by debate) |
| 1200-1215 | Prime Minister may reply briefly to debate |
| 1230 | Prime Minister meets the Press |
| 1300 | Luncheon given by the Prime Minister for the President and Bureau of the EP and members of the Commission |
| 1445 | Prime Minister leaves Palais de l'Europe |
| 1515 | Prime Minister leaves Strasbourg-Entzheim (flying time 1 hour 35 minutes) |
| 1550 | Prime Minister arrives London Heathrow Southside |





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From the Private Secretary

24 October 1986

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO THE EUROPEAN ASSEMBLY, 9 DECEMBER

Thank you for your letter of 23 October about the Prime Minister's visit to Strasbourg to report to the European Assembly on the outcome of the European Council.

The Prime Minister is content with the programme proposed and agrees that Mrs Chalker should accompany her on the outward journey.

Charles Powell

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