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From the Private Secretary

5 October 1987

EUROPEAN COUNCIL, COPENHAGEN

Thank you for your letter of 5 October about travel arrangements for the European Council in Copenhagen.

I am fairly sure that the Prime Minister will wish to travel to Copenhagen on the evening of 3 December. But she will not want to commit herself at this stage to any particular bilaterals.

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Dear Charles,

European Council, Copenhagen: 4-5 December 1987

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In your letter to me of 28 September you recorded that the Prime Minister had suggested to Mr Schluter that the European Council might start at 0930 on 4 December.

If Mr Schluter takes up this suggestion, the Prime Minister could still travel to Copenhagen on the morning of Friday 4 December, going straight from the airport to the meeting. But the Prime Minister may wish to consider travelling out the night before so as to have time for private discussion with President Mitterrand and Chancellor Kohl and with Mr Schluter before the meeting begins. The enclosed timetable would allow for a meeting or a working dinner with Mr Schluter on the Thursday evening and for a breakfast with President Mitterrand or Chancellor Kohl the next morning. The Foreign Secretary believes that such meetings would give the Prime Minister a useful opportunity to steer the other key participants in the European Council towards the conclusions we want.

If the Prime Minister agrees, we will find out what Mitterrand's and Kohl's travel plans are. The Foreign Secretary thinks that a meeting with Mr Schluter would anyway be useful, particularly after our experience with Mr Martens' unguided chairmanship in June.

Yours ever,

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