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EUROPEAN COUNCIL: BRUSSELS

It is now firmly established that the European Council in Brussels will be on Thursday 11 and Friday 12 February, starting at 1000am on the Thursday. We have moved Cabinet to an earlier day.

The question remains: when do you see Lubbers, our only remaining ally on agricultural reform? Your meeting with him before the Copenhagen Council served us well.

The choices are:

- to go over to Brussels on Wednesday evening. But you have a National Union Executive Committee dinner which you would have to miss or postpone;
- to go over very early on the Thursday. To have a meeting with Lubbers at 0915 in Brussels, you would (because of the hour's difference) need to take off at 6.45am which makes leaving here at 0615;
- to invite Lubbers to come over here briefly after you have seen Kohl on 2 February and before the Council on 11 February. The diary is fairly full but it could be done.

I do not pretend that any of the choices are attractive. It may be that you will have to leave it to Sir Geoffrey Howe to meet the Dutch Foreign Minister, with you having a very short meeting with Lubbers just before the Council opens (it will probably be late anyway).

C. D. POWELL26 January 1988

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From the Private Secretary

27 January 1988

EUROPEAN COUNCIL TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

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This is just to confirm that, in the light of the risk of action by Belgian air traffic controllers, the Prime Minister is ready to consider flying over to Brussels late on the evening of Wednesday, 10 February. Her earliest departure time would be 2230/2300 and she would want to travel by HS125. This would enable her to have a breakfast meeting with Mr. Lubbers at the Europa Hotel on the Thursday morning. You agreed to investigate the possibilities.

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From the Private Secretary

25 January 1988

EUROPEAN COUNCIL, BRUSSELS

Herr Teltschik telephoned this afternoon to say that Chancellor Kohl at made real efforts to persuade the other Heads of Government to move the European Council from 11/12 February to 12/13 February but had not found anyone who was prepared to agree to this. In the circumstances he saw no alternative but to stick to 11/12 February, starting at 10 am on 11 February. I have explained this to the Prime Minister who accepts that there is nothing further to be done.

We need to decide whether the Prime Minister goes over to Brussels on the evening of Wednesday 10 February to see Mr. Lubbers or we do it immediately before the opening of the Council on 11 February, making a very early start from London. It will almost certainly now have to be the latter.

I am copying this letter to Trevor Woolley (Cabinet Office).

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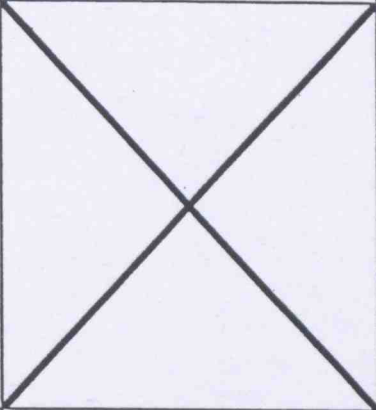
EUROPEAN COUNCIL, BRUSSELS: FEBRUARY 1988

Thank you for your letter of 25 January about support staff for the European Council in Brussels. I agree with what you propose.

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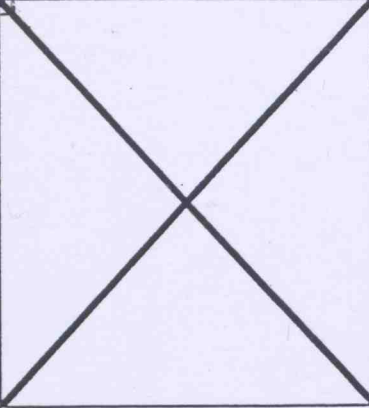
Thank you for your letter of 20 January about the accommodation during the forthcoming European Council in Brussels. The Prime Minister is very grateful for Sir David Hannay's offer of hospitality, but thinks that on this occasion it might be more convenient to be at the Europa Hotel.

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TIMING OF THE START OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL ON 11 FEBRUARY.

1. AT THE COREPER LUNCH ON 21 JANUARY A NUMBER OF ENQUIRIES WERE MADE ABOUT THE TIMING OF THE START OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL ON 11 FEBRUARY, PARTICULARLY BY THE PORTUGUESE. THE GERMAN PRESIDENCY SAID THAT THE START WAS PROVISIONALLY FIXED FOR 10 O'CLOCK BUT THE MATTER WAS NOT YET SETTLED. A NUMBER OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES (ITALY, DENMARK, AS WELL AS PORTUGAL) EXPRESSED A PREFERENCE FOR STARTING WITH LUNCH.

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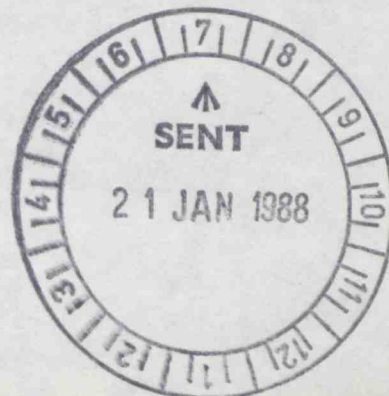
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MY TELNO 28: BRUSSELS EUROPEAN COUNCIL

1. THERE WAS NOTHING IN MY TALK WITH KOHL YESTERDAY TO LEAD ME TO REVISE THE ASSESSMENT IN MY TELNOS 10 AND 23. HIS MIND WAS MORE ON EAST/WEST AND DOMESTIC ISSUES THAN ON THE RUN-UP TO THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL.

2. MY ONLY RECOMMENDATION AT PRESENT IS THAT WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO AVOID - AS WE DID SO SUCCESSFULLY AT COPENHAGEN - GETTING MANOEUVRED INTO ISOLATION. THE GERMANS HAVE BEEN TAKEN ABACK BY THE STEADY DUTCH SUPPORT FOR OUR POSITION AND IT HAS SYMBOLIC AS WELL AS REAL IMPORTANCE. EVEN MORE SIGNIFICANT IS THAT WE CAN CLAIM TO BE AT ONE WITH THE COMMISSION. THIS IS NOT A POSITION WE SHOULD SURRENDER UNLESS WE MUST: SEEN FROM HERE, IT MAY BE WORTH MAKING AN EFFORT TO ACCEPT THE COMMISSION'S LATEST IDEAS ON SET-ASIDE IN ORDER TO GO ON WRONG-FOOTING THE GERMANS.

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YOUR TELNO 12: **TIMING OF THE BRUSSELS EUROPEAN COUNCIL**

1. I **SPOKE AS INSTRUCTED YESTERDAY TO TELTSCHIK, AND TODAY TO NEUER AND FINALLY TO KOHL HIMSELF. THEY ALL SAW GREAT DIFFICULTIES ABOUT CHANGING THE DATE AGREED UPON IN COPENHAGEN, KOHL DESCRIBING HIMSELF AS "WALLED IN".**

2. **NO. 10 MAY WISH TO PURSUE THE MATTER THROUGH NEUER, WITH WHOM I UNDERSTAND THEY HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH ON ANOTHER MATTER.**

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From the Private Secretary

12 January 1988

EUROPEAN COUNCIL: FEBRUARY

SH The Prime Minister remains very resistant to moving Cabinet to enable the European Council in Brussels to start on the morning of Thursday 11 February. If we agree once, we shall come under pressure to do so again. Her strong preference would be to hold the Council on Friday 12/Saturday 13 February, travelling over to Brussels to see Mr. Lubbers on the Thursday night. I should be grateful if a renewed effort could be made to persuade the German Presidency to go for these dates.

I am copying this letter to Roger Lavelle in the Cabinet Office.

(Charles Powell)

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PRIME MINISTER

EUROPEAN COUNCIL: FEBRUARY

As you know, there is to be an additional European Council on Thursday 11/Friday 12 February.

The German Presidency are pressing hard for this to start at 1000 am on the Thursday. They argue that every minute will be needed. Agreement to this would mean bringing Cabinet forward to Wednesday. Agree to this?

Depending on your answer to this, there is the further question whether you would be ready to go to Brussels on the Wednesday night for a meeting with Lubbers. This worked well last time. Agree to try it again?

CDP

I am very unhappy about this
I would prefer the Fri/Sat and
go over on Thursday night.

I don't think we are going
to reach agreement
not

(C. D. POWELL)

JANUARY
11 February 1988

MR BEARPARK

MRS GAISMAN

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EUROPEAN COUNCIL

One of the results of the European Council was a decision to hold a special additional Council on Thursday/Friday 11 and 12 February in Brussels. You will wish to note this in the diary.

CHARLES POWELL

6 December 1987