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From the Private Secretary

10 June, 1988.

EUROPEAN COUNCIL

Thank you for your letter of 10 June about the European Council delegation. It is still larger than the Prime Minister would want. Let us hope she does not notice.

I am copying this letter to Roger Lavelle (Cabinet Office).

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Dear Charles,

European Council

Thank you for your letter of 7 June about the European Council delegation.

We would strongly advise keeping a DTI representative on the delegation. Although there may not be detailed discussion of current single market issues, securing the right list of future single market objectives will be a major concern and we believe that DTI expertise will be necessary. We accept that a MAFF representative will not be essential on this occasion.

We also strongly recommend keeping the PA to the Head of News Department on the list. As you know, she does not go to the European Council simply to work as PA to the Head of News Department, but to help organise press briefings on behalf of both Bernard Ingham and Christopher Meyer. She has an important job, on behalf of both of them, in typing up material for the press briefings, doing transcripts etc. In between these activities she is also available to do work for other members of the delegation. We believe our press operation would be handicapped without her.

David Hannay and Roger Lavelle agree with these recommendations.

/ I enclose a revised delegation list.

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Yours ever,

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EUROPEAN COUNCIL

Thank you for your letter of 6 June about arrangements for the European Council.

As you know, the Prime Minister believes that delegations should be kept as small as possible. In that context I note that EQS(88)5 paragraph 8 judges that detailed negotiation on the internal market package at Hanover is judged unlikely (although not impossible). This suggests that the DTI and MAFF representatives may not be necessary: perhaps we can decide that in the light of the Internal Market and Foreign Affairs Councils. And I wonder whether it is absolutely necessary for the Head of News Department to take a PA.

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