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1. Thank you for sending me a copy of your minute of 7 February to the Prime Minister.

2. I agree with your analysis. We now have an opportunity to make progress and I support the action you propose. We must act quickly. Our Embassy in Washington has reported that the Americans will hold off from going to a GATT panel for a few weeks. The Europeans need to come up with something tangible in early March. I understand that the French may not be able to attend the Airbus Ministers' Dinner on 6 March. This is worrying. I did not have an opportunity to talk to Roland Dumas about this when he was in London on 15 February because his visit was curtailed, but the Embassy in Paris should pursue and you or I could raise with our colleagues in the margins of the Foreign Affairs Council on 5/6 March.

3. I am copying this minute to the Prime Minister and to colleagues of OD(E).

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(DOUGLAS HURD)

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