

Extract from Meeting Note PM + France at the
Matignon 19 September 1980

Commission portfolios

The Prime Minister said that President Giscard had suggested earlier in the morning that she and M. Barre should discuss the question of the distribution of portfolios in

the new Commission, but this was not a matter to which she had so far given a great deal of thought. Britain would be keeping on Mr. Tugendhat and she was consulting Mr. Callaghan about candidates for the second British post. Britain would want one of the two financial portfolios. We were not seeking the agriculture post.

M. Barre said that neither was France bidding for the agriculture portfolio. Both M. Ortoli and M. Cheyssen had been Commissioners for eight years and they would be replaced.