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MRS. RYDER

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When the Prime Minister met Sir Geoffrey Howe this evening it was agreed to hold a meeting this Friday about an aspect of preparations for Fontainebleau. Would it be possible to find a time, ideally in the morning, about half-an-hour to forty-five minutes? Those who would need to be invited are: the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Crispin Tickell, Sir Michael Butler, Sir Jock Taylor (Ambassador in Bonn), Mr. Williamson and Mr. Unwin. (Treasury)

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They also want to have a meeting to discuss the question of British Commissioners in the next European Commission. This would involve, besides Sir Geoffrey Howe, Lord Whitelaw, the Chief Whip and Mr. Gummer. It should, if possible, be in the latter half of next week, perhaps directly after Cabinet.

Grateful for your advice.

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13 June 1984

MR. POWELL

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1. Tomorrow's meeting is confirmed for 10 a.m.

B# 2. I have arranged for the meeting to discuss the question of British Commissioners to take place after Cabinet on Thursday, 28 June. It is never a very popular decision to have meetings after Cabinet, but I am afraid in this case there was no alternative as it was the only time I could get everybody together.

I could not put it in for next Thursday as there is a meeting already arranged to discuss the New Ireland Forum.

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