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Dear Judith,

Visit of M. Delors

As you will know, M. Delors will soon be beginning his tour of Community capitals as President-elect of the European Commission, and is coming to London on 15/16 October. He is hoping to see Heads of Government, Foreign Ministers and Finance Ministers in each of the capitals he visits.

The shape of his programme here is necessarily rather tentative at this stage. But we envisage him, after a short initial call here, going to 10 Downing Street for talks at 1900 on 15 October, followed by dinner. On 16 October, the programme would begin with about one and a half hours of talks (say from 1015-1145) on Community issues with the Foreign Secretary and Mr Rifkind. After that, Sir Geoffrey wonders whether the Chancellor would be free to see M. Delors for three-quarters of an hour or so, and then to give a lunch for him (he is most unfortunately unable to give a lunch himself, having a long-standing speaking engagement; and M. Delors is unable to stay on until the evening of 16 October, when Sir Geoffrey could have hosted a dinner for him). If the Chancellor were able to agree to do this, I understand that both Mr Jopling and Mr Channon (in Mr Tebbit's absence) might be interested in attending; the Chancellor might also wish to consider including the new British Commissioners, though they will have been at the Prime Minister's dinner the night before, and have been offered meetings with M. Delors on the afternoon of 16 October. Sir Geoffrey has asked me to say that he considers it most important that this visit should go well and that M. Delors should feel at the end of it that he has had at least as good treatment in London as in any other Community capital. He therefore very much hopes that the Chancellor will be able to entertain M. Delors, although he realises that this would involve some difficulties for him.

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I am sending copies of this letter to Charles Powell (No 10), Ivor Llewelyn (MAFF), Callum McCarthy (DTI), David Williamson (Cabinet Office) and Sir Michael Butler (UKRep Brussels).

Yours ever,

Colin Budd

(C R Budd)
Private Secretary

Miss Judith Simpson
APS/Chancellor of the Exchequer
HM Treasury

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PRIME MINISTER

Meeting with M. Delors

He is coming at 7.00 pm with his Private Secretary. He has asked for an interpreter for this meeting. M. Delors stays on for dinner at 8.00 p.m.

Agree to see him in your study?

Card attached.

Yes

C.D.P.

12 October 1984

N-B. Please see Mr. Williamson's note at the back.



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

17 September 1984

Visit of M. Delors,
President-Elect of the Commission

The Prime Minister is willing to see M. Delors on Monday 15 October, and subsequently to give a small dinner for him.

I should be grateful if an invitation could be conveyed to M. Delors for talks at 7 pm followed by dinner.

(C.D. Powell)

Colin Budd, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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MRS. GOODCHILD

Dinner for M. Delors

The Prime Minister has agreed to give a dinner for M. Delors on 15 October. This will be basically a working occasion, for him to get to know the two new British Commissioners and those Ministers with whom he will have regular dealings. Could you please prepare, for the Prime Minister's approval, a guest list which I suggest should include:

Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary
Chancellor of the Exchequer
Secretary of State for Trade and Industry
Minister of Agriculture
Secretary of State for Employment
Mr. Rifkind
Mr. Channon
Lord Cockfield
Mr. Stanley Clinton Davis
Sir A. Acland
Mr. Williamson

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17 September 1984

PRIME MINISTER

VISIT BY M. DELORS

M. Delors has asked to visit London to see you on 15 or 16 October. I am sure that you will wish to see him and we could fit it in the diary easily enough.

Yes no

I see that you are free on the evening of 15 October. Would you like to give a small dinner for M. Delors which would be a chance for him to meet Lord Cockfield and Mr. Stanley Clinton-Davis? You could also invite a number of other Ministers who will have regular dealings with the Commission.

Agree to give a dinner?

Yes no

C.D.P.

14 September, 1984

MR. POWELL

I took a call from the Head of the European Commission in London, a Mr. Hartley, requesting a meeting between the Prime Minister and M. Delors. I told him that he would have to go through the Foreign Office which he said he had already done, so we will await the letter in the usual way.

Mr. Hartley also mentioned that M. Delors' Chef du Cabinet, a M. Alain Lamy, would very much like to meet you when M. Delors comes to London which is on 15/16 October. Would you like to go back to Mr. Hartley with a suggestion?

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13 September 1984