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 Satisfactory if it sticks.  
 Despite the bad precedent,  
 it would be better to have  
 Cheysson at Development than at  
 Industry. Lord Cockfield is  
 re. see you briefly  
 on Monday.

1. I had a further discussion with Mr Delors in Brussels yesterday. The outcome has been very satisfactory.
2. He has offered me the whole of DG III - the Internal Market and Industrial Affairs - other than the minor directorate F which deals with industrial restructuring and relations with non-member countries - plus the whole of DG XV which covers Financial Institutions and Taxation. Such a portfolio would comprise the full span of the Internal Market - services as well as goods, financial institutions as well as manufacture - and it would extend also to steel, shipbuilding and textiles.
3. We are not yet in the clear. Delors still has to settle with the other senior Commissioners some of whom will feel that what they may be offered is not enough.
4. Delors is greatly concerned about the proposition that Cheysson should be appointed as the second French Commissioner and even more concerned about the portfolio he is demanding. There is still considerable resistance to Cheysson's appointment but it is regarded as a near certainty. He - and President Mitterrand - are said to be determined that he should have the Development Portfolio which France has always dominated. Delors is equally determined that portfolios should rotate and should not be regarded as the fief of a particular country. I said I entirely agreed with him. Indeed we ourselves after much heart searching had decided that I should not bid for the Budget portfolio on this very ground. I would therefore give him every support on this issue.
5. I understand that Delors is likely to attend the Dublin Summit. These issues may therefore be touched upon in the margin.
6. I found Delors on this occasion, as in the past, to be friendly, constructive and determined.

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7. I am copying this minute to the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary and to the Secretary of the Cabinet.

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