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Dear Charles,

Talks with Mr Lubbers: Chequers, 29 April

Mr Lubbers' office have been asking Michael Jenkins what ground the Prime Minister wishes to cover at the talks with Lubbers, Van den Broek and Ruding at Chequers on 29 April. These will start at 1100 and end at 1500 (your letter of 1 February refers).

The Foreign Secretary believes that the primary purpose of the meeting should be to tackle EC issues, notably to influence the Dutch on monetary issues following the presentation of the Delors Report. But it might also be useful to touch on GATT/"Fortress Europe" (the Prime Minister welcomed Mr Lubbers' recent letter to his EC colleagues) and tax issues (the Dutch share our opposition to the Commission's withholding tax proposal).

If time permits, it would be useful for the Dutch to be briefed on the Prime Minister's recent visit to Southern Africa.

As you know, the Dutch are generally quite helpful over SNF, which would be worth covering.

It will also be important to have a word about the environment and the follow-up to the recent international conferences.

The Chancellor may wish to raise the outcome of the Fund/Bank spring meetings; and in particular debt reduction where UK and Dutch views largely coincide.

If you are content, we will ask Mr Jenkins to put these broad topics of discussion to Mr Lubbers' office. There would be no formal agenda as such.

I am copying this letter to Jonathan Taylor (HMT) and Trevor Woolley (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever,  
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*From the Private Secretary*

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*Dear Richard,*

**TALKS WITH MR. LUBBERS: CHEQUERS, 29 APRIL**

Thank you for your letter of 10 April about the agenda for the meeting with Mr. Lubbers on 29 April. The subjects you suggest seem to me the right ones and you can confirm this to the Dutch. While SNF modernisation will certainly be an issue, we shall want to avoid being pinned down by the Dutch to some formula in advance of the Prime Minister's meeting with Kohl the following day.

I am copying this letter to Jonathan Taylor (HM Treasury) and Trevor Woolley (Cabinet Office).

*Yours sincerely,  
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