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From the Private Secretary

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When the Prime Minister saw the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary this afternoon they agreed to hold a meeting on 15 June to consider what action might be taken to persuade Chancellor Kohl to take a more active and helpful part in obtaining a solution to the UK budget problem at Fontainebleau.

The meeting could usefully also look at the further questions: how to smoke out the Germans on whether they intend to put forward a candidate for President of the next Commission; and whether more needs to be done to bring home to Chancellor Kohl the significance of the paper on the future of the Community which the Prime Minister gave him during the London Summit.

I shall let you know as soon as possible exactly when the meeting is to be held. You kindly agreed to arrange for Sir Jock Taylor to return from Bonn for it.

I am sending copies of this letter to David Peretz (HM Treasury) and Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

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