

PRIME MINISTER

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Wire - Reduce cost of repairs - Fr.

1000 men.

- Produce own fruits in the plantation

Both - debt 1990:

Tanks - Vetoed Tanks -

Ind. Tank area.

Exp. Fr d - Wire.

Assets - Job.

Over 20% -

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Len 2.8 bn

1-3 bn.

85

260

S. Kellogg -



and agree to publish an illustrative list of collaborative projects);

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C.D.P.

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N.U.M. - Comm Fr. Union. C.A.T.

F.H.

1/2 Fr. Coal Industry. — Technology & S.U.

① Amendment. — Credit.

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Production

Consum.

② Int. Market — Vehicle Market

③ Access — Car.

Production for manufacture incl parts.

④ E.C.C.? Consum.

Direct credit — Obstructing

⑤ Statement — Int. Market. — European Standards.

P.B.S. C.D.C.

Telecom — Adm. Re. Fund

B. Comm. \ 2-17-1988

⑥ Unrecovered petrol

⑦ Fr. — not conform to Env. Conventions

Versailles = Technology, Costs, Employment

- Study on vehicle standards



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### EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

#### Future of the Community

- Invite him to say what he expects from European Council.
- Why are new Agreements needed when so much of the Treaty remains to be implemented?
- What would be the purpose and content of a new Treaty?
- Many of ideas in Dooge Committee report simply not thought through. Some of them would drastically upset balance between Parliament and Council. EMS ideas half-baked.
- Maintenance of Luxembourg compromise vital, though no objection to stating reasons why one is invoking it. Is France really prepared to see it weakened or restricted?
- See little to be gained from more majority voting.
- Is there not an element of bypassing difficult problems like the internal Market and taking an easy option.
- Need to take more time and weed out impractical and undesirable ideas. Look at what's left and see whether it really can't be dealt with under existing Treaties and procedures.

#### Own Resources

- need to get Germans to move on date of introduction.

PTQ



Enlargement

- continue to support French on time.

Vehicle Emissions

- mandatory standards proposed by Germans unacceptably costly and will break up internal market.



## ANGLO-FRENCH SUMMIT

### East/West - Arms Control

- Prospects for US 'umbrella' approach.
- BMD/SDI: avoid row with Americans.
- Importance of keeping up pressure on chemical weapons.

### Terrorism

- European Council to endorse conclusions of Foreign Ministers.

### Defence Cooperation

- Senior officials to explore ways to pull together threads of UK/French defence cooperation.
- Scope for cooperation on conventional defence planning, consultation on out-of-area activities and collaboration on equipment eg AEW. Ask for report to next Summit?

### Bilateral Relations

- Endorse report. Agree to publish list of projects?
- Summit seven Environment Ministers. Meeting will be informal. Share French concern about institutionalising Summit follow-up.
- Guangdong. Must resist excessive Chinese demands.
- No-Passport Excursions. Welcome agreement to review experience early next year.

PTO



- Channel Fixed Link. Welcome agreement reached on 14 November. Cannot accept any commitment to intervene in circumstances where firms unable to complete. Cannot agree to see Government support or financial guarantees creep back in through EC.