

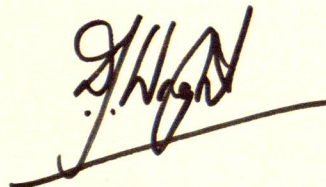
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MR COLES

European Council: 28-29 June
Prime Minister's Briefing Meeting, 24 June at 5.30 pm

Now that the Prime Minister has agreed the composition of the United Kingdom delegation to the European Council (your letter of 15 June to Mr Richards), you may wish to decide who should attend the Prime Minister's preparatory meeting on Thursday 24 June at 5.30 pm.

2. The Prime Minister will no doubt wish to invite the Chancellor of the Exchequer. As the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary will be in Portugal on 24 June (and it has not proved possible to rearrange for the briefing meeting a time when he will be available), the Prime Minister may wish instead to invite Mr Douglas Hurd. In addition, it would be appropriate to invite the following officials who will be attending the Council: Sir Kenneth Couzens, Sir Julian Bullard, Sir Michael Butler, Lord Bridges, Mr Hancock and Mr Hannay. Sir Robert Armstrong would also wish to attend the briefing meeting, even though he will not be going to the Council.



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