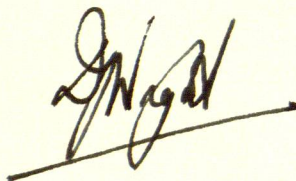


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MR COLES *AM 24/6*
*h.c.*European Council: Prime Minister's Briefing Meeting at 5.30 pm on 24 June

In your minute of 21 June you agreed to our proposals on who should be invited to the Prime Minister's briefing meeting for the European Council. Since then, the Belgian Presidency have announced their intention to discuss at the European Council various contentious trade questions currently at issue between the United States and the Community (including the steel countervailing cases and the American embargo on energy-related equipment for the Soviet Union). In these circumstances, we thought that it would be useful if the Department of Trade could also be represented at the briefing meeting. We have therefore invited Lord Cockfield and Mr Michael Franklin to attend, in addition to those listed in my minute of 18 June. I was unable to clear this with you owing to your absence in the United States. Perhaps you could let me know if you are unhappy about this.



D J WRIGHT

23 June 1982