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TO IMMEDIATE UKREP BRUSSELS  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 1029 OF 5 NOVEMBER  
AND SAVING TO ALL EC POSTS  
COREPER AMBASSADORS : 6 NOVEMBER  
AGENDA FOR THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL

1. THE PRIME MINISTER TOLD MR JENKINS ON 3 NOVEMBER THAT SHE DID NOT THINK THAT THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL AGENDA SHOULD BE LIMITED TO POLITICAL COOPERATION ALTHOUGH THESE MUST, OF COURSE, BE DISCUSSED. SHE THOUGHT THAT THERE SHOULD BE SOME DISCUSSION ON BUDGET RESTRUCTURING, INCLUDING CAP REFORM AND ALSO ON THE PROBLEMS OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE. THESE WERE ACUTE PROBLEMS AND COULD NOT BE IGNORED.
2. THIS QUESTION MIGHT BE ST DISCUSSED DURING THE COREPER LUNCH. ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT SEEK FORMAL AGENDA ITEMS OR CLEAR CUT DECISIONS AT THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL ON TRADE PROBLEMS, RESTRUCTURING AND THE CAP, THE PRIME MINISTER WISHES TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THEM.
3. YOU COULD SUGGEST THAT MR JENKINS BE INVITED TO PRESENT A WIDE RANGING REPORT ON HIS PRESIDENCY. THIS COULD BE THE PEG ON WHICH TO HANG DISCUSSION OF THE ISSUES CONNECTED WITH RESTRUCTURING AND THE CAP REFORM.
4. ON TRADE PROBLEMS, THE PRIME MINISTER HAS IN MIND PARTICULARLY THE PROBLEMS OF STEEL, TEXTILES, CARS AND OETRO-CHEMICALS, INCLUDING TRADE RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN.
5. ON ATTENDANCE AT THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL, THE PRIME MINISTER TOLD MR JENKINS THAT IT WOULD MAKE SENSE FOR M. THORN TO ATTEND THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL, AS WELL AS MR RALLIS WHO IS GOING TO BE PRESENT AS OBSERVER. YOU COULD REPORT THIS.
6. THERE SHOULD BE LITTLE NEED FOR SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION

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OF THE REPORT OF THE THREE WISE MEN, BUT WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE  
THE AGREED PARTS OF IT FORMALLY ADOPTED.

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