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TELEGRAM NUMBER 3823 OF 13 JULY

FOLLOWING FOR PS NO 10

UK CONTRIBUTION TO EEC BUDGET

MR TUGENDHAT'S CABINET APPROACHED US TODAY FOLLOWING THE DISCUSSION HE HAD WITH THE PRIME MINISTER ON THIS SUBJECT AT THE BUCKINGHAM PALACE GARDEN PARTY. THE CABINET TELL US THE POINT THAT HE WAS MOST CONCERNED TO PUT ACROSS TO HER WAS THAT THE UK SHOULD NOT SACRIFICE SUBSTANCE FOR SPEED IN TRYING TO GET THE COMMISSION'S REFERENCE PAPER COMPLETED TOO QUICKLY. THE PRIME MINISTER AND TUGENDHAT AGREED THAT HE SHOULD COME AND SEE HER ABOUT THE SUBJECT IN EARLY SEPTEMBER.

2. TUGENDHAT'S CABINET HAS NOW PROPOSED THE WEEK BEGINNING 10 SEPTEMBER. (TUGENDHAT WOULD ONLY JUST HAVE RETURNED TO BRUSSELS, THE PRECEDING WEEK AND SO WOULD PREFER TO AVOID IT). BECAUSE OF THE COMMISSION MEETING ON THE WEDNESDAY, TUGENDHAT COULD NOT MANAGE THEN OR, CONVENIENTLY, TUESDAY AFTERNOON. HE COULD MANAGE THURSDAY OR FRIDAY, 13 AND 14 SEPTEMBER. BUT IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE IF THE MEETING COULD BE ON MONDAY OR TUESDAY MORNING (10 OR 11 SEPTEMBER), SINCE THE MORE TIME TUGENDHAT HAS TO FEED THE PRIME MINISTER'S VIEWS INTO COMMISSION DELIBERATIONS, THE BETTER.

3. GRATEFUL TO KNOW WHEN THE PRIME MINISTER WILL BE ABLE TO SEE TUGENDHAT.

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From the Private Secretary

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Call on the Prime Minister by Commissioner Tugendhat
on 13 September

Mr. Christopher Tugendhat, Commissioner for the Budget, is to call on the Prime Minister on Thursday 13 September at 1500. His purpose is to discuss with the Prime Minister the UK approach to the EEC budget issue.

I should be grateful if briefing for the Prime Minister's discussion with Mr. Tugendhat could reach me not later than 1700 on Friday, 7 September.

I am sending copies of this to Martin Hall (HM Treasury) and Martin Vile (Cabinet Office).

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