

PRIME MINISTER

European Council Meeting: Brussels, 29/30 March

I am assuming that you will wish to take to Brussels a party similar to that which you took to Luxembourg and Maastricht last year. This will mean something on the following lines:

10 Downing Street

Prime Minister, Mr. Whitmore, Mr. Ingham, Mr. Coles
one Duty Clerk, one Garden Room Girl.

Cabinet Office

Mr. Hancock.

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Lord Carrington, Private Secretary, Lord Bridges, Mr. Hannay

It is possible that Mr. Bullard will also need to make the journey to participate in parallel political co-operation discussions.

There may be a particularly strong case this time round for Sir Robert Armstrong to attend, given his conversations with M. Attali.

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For the briefing meeting I propose that all of the above plus representatives of the Treasury and the ~~the~~ Department of Trade should attend.

Agree that I should proceed on the above lines?

A.J.C.

10 March 1982