



10 DOWNING STREET

Private and Confidential

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CONSERVATIVE EUROPEAN REFORM GROUP.

Thank you for your Memorandum dated 5th December.

The Prime Minister will be seeing the members of this Group on Monday, 15th December.

I enclose an up-to-date list of the members of this Group. You will see that there are 38 members. I expect that others will join.

I also enclose a copy of the Statement which the Group issued last month, setting out its objectives.

In case you did not see it, I enclose the relevant extract from Hansard for 3rd December, 1980 from which you will see that Ian Gilmour said that the objectives of the Group were "incompatible with our continued membership of the Co-munity. It is, therefore, a dud prospectus".

We will be able to have a word with the Prime Minister about this when we see her on Monday, 15th December, which is the same day that she will be meeting members of the Group.

This issue will not go away.

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The Rt. Hon. The Lord Thorneycroft, C.H.

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