

PRIME MINISTER

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ESPRIT

These issues are, as suggested by the Foreign Secretary, being dealt with in two stages. First, there is to be a meeting of E(A) immediately after Cabinet on Thursday, 1 December. This will take papers by the Chancellor and by officials and will consider the general question of attribution of expenditure on European programmes. Later in the day there will be a separate meeting to discuss the specific size of the ESPRIT programme which the UK will seek at the European Council.

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See also note by D. Nicholson

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