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We have arranged a small meeting tomorrow of Sir Geoffrey Howe, Mr. Rifkind, Sir Michael Butler and Mr. Williamson.

The purpose is to consider the handling at the Anglo/French Summit, the European Council and subsequently of the issues being considered by the Dooce Committee. These cover in particular suggestions that there should be a new Treaty, formalising a commitment to consult in political cooperation, permanent machinery for POCO, conditions on the use of the Luxembourg compromise, and greater use of majority voting where permitted by the Treaty (and subject to the right to invoke the Luxembourg compromise).

The latest indications from Brussels (see attached telegram) are that there will not be any attempt at the European Council to rush through decisions. Even so we need to work out a strategy which will enable us to restore a sense of proportion to those member States who are arguing for a new Treaty without at the same time driving them to go ahead without us. The main background papers are attached.

If there is time you may also wish to discuss Mr. Williamson's minute (attached) on New Own Resources and the 1985 Community Budget; and find out from Geoffrey Howe, following the Foreign Affairs Council, which Enlargement issues are likely to have to come to the European Council.

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P.S. See now further note by GH received late tonight.