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PREPARATION OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL

1. AT COREPER LUNCH THE PRESIDENCY APOLOGISED FOR THE LATE ARRIVAL OF FITZGERALD'S PRE-COUNCIL LETTER TO HIS COLLEAGUES. WHAT WITH THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL CONTINUING UNTIL LAST NIGHT AND FITZGERALD'S TRAVEL PLANS, THEY COULD NOT PROMISE IT BEFORE TOMORROW. THEY WOULD TRY TO DISTRIBUTE IT AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

ENLARGEMENT

2. O'ROURKE SAID THAT THE PRESIDENCY WERE INCLINED TO STAND BY BARRY'S REMARKS IN THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL TO THE EFFECT THAT WINE WOULD BE THE ONLY ENLARGEMENT POINT TO GO TO THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL. THEY WERE CONSIDERING WHETHER TO PRODUCE ANY NEW PIECE OF PAPER. I SAID THAT IF WINE WERE AGREED IT WOULD SURELY BE WISE TO SWEEP THROUGH FISH AND FRUIT AND VEGETABLES. THERE WAS NO FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL UNTIL 16 DECEMBER. NOTERDAEME SUGGESTED THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS SHOULD HOLD A BRIEF COUNCIL MEETING TO DO THE OTHER SUBJECTS AFTER WINE HAD BEEN SETTLED. CALAMIA WANTED HEADS OF GOVERNMENT TO DO BOTH. THERE WAS THEN A CONFUSED DISCUSSION ABOUT WHETHER THERE MIGHT NOT BE MORE INFLEXIBILITY IN THE COMMUNITY NEGOTIATING POSITION WITH SPAIN IF THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT AGREED THE COMMON POSITION ON FISH. MOST REPRESENTATIVES SUPPORTED NOTERDAEME, FOR THIS AND OTHER REASONS, IN HIS PROPOSAL FOR A SEPARATE FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING. I SAID THAT THE IMPORTANT THING WAS TO GET IT DONE. THE UK WOULD BE NEITHER MORE NOR LESS INFLEXIBLE AFTERWARDS IF IT WERE DONE AT FOREIGN MINISTERS LEVEL. CALAMIA INSISTED THAT FISH MUST GO TO HEADS OF GOVERNMENT "AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE" (NO-ONE BEING IN ANY DOUBT THAT HE MEANT AS A MATTER OF LINGAGE).

3. I WAS ASKED WHETHER WE WANTED THE INDUSTRIAL TARIFF AND CARS DEALT WITH IN DUBLIN. I SAID THAT IN MY PERSONAL VIEW THERE WAS NO NEED FOR ANY DISCUSSION AT DUBLIN. THE COMMUNITY HAD COMMON POSITIONS, BOTH ON GENERAL TARIFF DISMANTLEMENT AND HIGH TARIFFS (INCLUDING CARS). THE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD HAVE TO CONTINUE ON THAT BASIS UNLESS THE COUNCIL AGREE TO CHANGE THE COMMON POSITIONS. TO DO THE LATTER WOULD BE CLEARLY UNDESIRABLE AT THIS STAGE. O'ROURKE ASKED IF ANYONE ELSE WANTED THE MATTER RAISED AT DUBLIN AND NO-ONE REPLIED.

BUDGET DISCIPLINE

4. A HELPFUL DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE ABOUT HOW BUDGET DISCIPLINE MIGHT BE CARRIED FORWARD AND SETTLED AT DUBLIN. ESFER LARSEN SAID FLATLY THAT HIS MINISTERS HAD BEEN TO THE FOLKETING THIS WEEK AND WOULD NOT GO AGAIN. THEY WOULD NOT AMEND THE ORIGINAL TEXT BUT COULD AGREE TO DISCUSS THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT LETTER TO THE PARLIAMENT AND TO REGARD ITS CONTENTS AS A CONCLUSION OF THE COUNCIL. NOTERDAEME (WITH SUPPORT FROM CALAMIA) SAID THAT TINDEMANS WOULD SIMPLY NOT ACCEPT THAT A LETTER WAS ENOUGH. THERE MUST BE A DECISION TO RESPOND TO THE PARLIAMENT'S REASONABLE REQUEST. CALAMIA ADDED THAT WE SHOULD DISCUSS THAT DECISION WITH THE PARLIAMENT AND ONLY ADOPT THE CONCLUSIONS THEREAFTER. WITH GENERAL SUPPORT, I SAID THAT CALAMIA'S SUGGESTION WOULD NOT DO. IT WOULD MEAN INDEFINITE DELAY. BUT I THOUGHT THAT THE DANISH AND BELGIAN POSITIONS COULD BE RECONCILED BY HAVING A DISCUSSION ON THE SUBSTANCE OF A IMPROVED TEXT. THE BELGIANS COULD REGARD THEMSELVES AS DISCUSSING THE DRAFTING OF THE COUNCIL'S SEPARATE CONCLUSIONS ON THE RESULTS OF THEIR MEETING WITH THE PARLIAMENT AND THE DANES AS WORKING ON THE TEXT OF THE LETTER TO THE PARLIAMENT. IF WE REACHED AGREEMENT ON A DRAFT, IT COULD SERVE FOR BOTH PURPOSES AND THE PROBLEM WOULD BE SOLVED. THIS FOUND GENERAL SUPPORT, BUT NOTERDAEME SAID THAT TINDEMANS WAS EMOTIONALLY INVOLVED AND WOULD HAVE TO BE WORKED ON. THIS CONVERSATION SHOULD NOT BE MENTIONED TO HIM (PLEASE RESPECT). HE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED DEALING WITH THE MATTER AT FOREIGN MINISTERS' LEVEL AT DUBLIN. DIMADIS SAID THAT PAPANDREOU WANTED TO DEAL WITH IT HIMSELF, BUT COULD OFFER NO EXPLANATION TO O'ROURKE WHO ENQUIRED WHY. O'ROURKE SAID THAT THE IRISH WOULD THINK CAREFULLY, AND POSSIBLY IMPROVE THE DRAFT AND SHOW IT TO THE MOST INTERESTED DELEGATIONS AND CONSULT ON MONDAY ABOUT WHEN TO DISCUSS IT COLLECTIVELY. THE FOREIGN MINISTERS' DINNER MIGHT BE THE BEST TIME.

IMPS

5. DIMADIS SAID THAT THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL MUST DECIDE HOW MUCH ADDITIONAL MONEY WOULD BE PROVIDED FOR IMPS. I SAID THAT THE DISCUSSION IN THE COUNCIL YESTERDAY HAD DEMONSTRATED THAT IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO TALK ABOUT "ADDITIONALITY". CALAMIA SAID THAT THE COUNCIL MUST DECIDE HOW MUCH MONEY THERE WOULD BE FOR IMPS. I SAID I DOUBTED WHETHER EVERYBODY WOULD SHARE THAT VIEW. RATHER TO MY SURPRISE RUTTEN GAVE ME STRONG SUPPORT AND O'ROURKE SAID THAT IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO FIX A SUM. NO-ONE PRESED THE MATTER FURTHER.

DOOGE COMMITTEE

6. O'ROURKE SAID THAT FOREIGN MINISTERS SEEMED TO HAVE AGREED THAT THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL SHOULD GIVE THE COMMITTEE FURTHER GUIDELINES ABOUT ITS WORK. HE HAD NO IDEA WHAT THESE MIGHT BE. SOME PEOPLE MIGHT WANT TO DECIDE NOW TO HOLD AN INTER-GOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE BUT OTHERS MIGHT NOT. PRESUMABLY THE NUMBER OF COMMISSIONERS IN THE NEW COMMISSION WOULD BE RAISED BY SOMEONE. RUTTEN AND I SAID THAT THE LATTER POINT HAD TO BE DECIDED AT DUBLIN IF IT WERE GOING TO BE DECIDED AT ALL. O'ROURKE SAID THAT UNLESS SOMEONE RAISED IT THERE WOULD BE A NON-DECISION IE A DECISION NOT TO CHANGE. NO-ONE SHOWED ANY DISPOSITION TO DISCUSS FURTHER WHAT THE "GUIDELINES" TO THE DOOGE COMMITTEE MIGHT BE.

7. FINALLY, O'ROURKE SAID THAT THE PRESIDENCY HOPED THAT HEADS OF GOVERNMENT WOULD BE READY TO STAY WELL INTO THE AFTERNOON ON TUESDAY SINCE THERE WAS A LOT TO DO.

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