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Dear Charles,

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My Secretary of State has seen your letter of 4 March to Colin Budd. He endorses both of the Prime Minister's proposed initiatives for the European Council. He believes that, if we are to provide an adequate counterpoise for some of the rather arid exchanges in the Dooge Committee on Community institutions and voting, it is necessary to break new ground in a style which will appeal to our partners by offering shared policy objectives which the Community can tackle.

2 He is conscious that many of the issues to be mastered will not be new; but put in a new context, a new spirit could be brought to the exchanges. He agrees that the Cabinet Office should be asked to lead work to lend substance to the list of objectives you have suggested. This Department will want to be involved in this work.

3 I am copying this letter to Rachel Lomax (Treasury), David Normington (Department of Employment), Leigh Lewis (Lord Young's Office) and Richard Hatfield and David Williamson (Cabinet Office).

Yours sincerely,
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