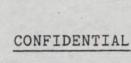
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EAST-WEST ECONOMIC RELATIONS

Thank you for sending me a copy of your minute of 30 November to the Prime Minister. Concern was expressed in Cabinet at an earlier stage that participation in the studies envisaged in the Schultz paper could lead us towards policies which were not in our national interest. This point has been properly noted in the aims set out in the paper by officials on how the studies should be organised, but we shall need to keep it clearly in mind as the discussions evolve.

I am sending copies of this minute to OD colleagues and to the Secretaries of State for Industry and Energy and to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

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