Ascit Mr Fairweather (ECD(I)) Stuttgart Mr Tugendhat has just phoned and spoke to me in the absence of the Secretary of State. He had been asked by M. Thorn to pass on the hope that if we were to make an announcement about Stuttgart we would not do so while the Agriculture Council was sitting if the substance of the announcement was such that it might reduce the pressure on Agriculture Ministers to reach agreement (on which point Tugendhat sounded rather pessimistic). I said that I would of course ensure that this message was passed on as appropriate and added that I did not anticipate our making an announcement in this time-scale. I also made it clear that the only announcement which would in my view be likely to be made in London would be one concerning British representation: if announcements were required on other questions they would be a matter for the Presidency. Mr Tugendhat took the point and said that he thought - though he did not know - that M. Thorn would have spoken to Herr Genscher. (B J P Fall) 16 May 1983 PS cc: Mr Evans Mr Hannay Mr Coles (No 10) Mr Williamson (Cabinet Office) Mr Lowson (MAFF) PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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Mr Mallaby telephoned early this morning to say that the French had difficulties with the afternoon of 19 June for a postponed European Council, and that the Germans were therefore asking us whether a European Council from about lunchtime on 17 June to about lunchtime on 19 June would be acceptable to us. After checking with Number 10, I have told Mr Mallaby that we would have no diary difficulties over this proposal.

Mr Mallaby understands that these dates were acceptable to the Italians and will try to find out the results of the other soundings which the Germans are presumably undertaking.

17 May 1983

(B J P Fall)

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