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FRENCH MEMORANDUM FOR THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL, 28-29 JUNE

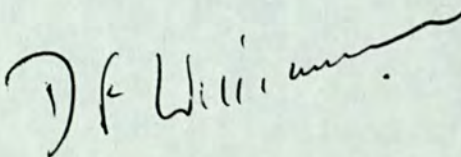
--- The French Ambassador called on me this morning and handed over this copy of the French Memorandum. This approach had, in fact, been inspired by us, since we knew that this Memorandum had already been handed to the Italian Presidency and we considered that it should be made available also to us. A commentary on the Memorandum is being prepared and will be submitted. A translation will also be available. I would only draw your attention immediately to these points:-

(i) that the question of technology and EUREKA is placed first in the points which President Mitterrand submits to his colleagues for the European Council;

(ii) on the two vital questions of decision-taking and the European Parliament, after making a bow in the direction of the recommendations of the Dooge Committee, the substantive suggestions are very closely in line with those of the United Kingdom. In particular, I can see no indication of any increase in the powers of the European Parliament, the emphasis being entirely on certain changes in existing procedures;

(iii) the sole element which might be presented as a step towards European Union is that the name of the European Council might be changed to European Union Council and that there should be a specific secretariat for it.

I am sending a copy to Colin Budd (FCO) and to Sir Robert Armstrong.



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