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*From the Private Secretary*

24 February 1984

Visit of Netherlands Prime Minister

Thank you for your letter of 23 February.

The Prime Minister is content with the agenda for the talks.

As regards the arrangements for the working breakfast, the Dutch party, as listed in your letter, will all be welcome. Should Dr. Lubbers wish to include a Private Secretary this will also be possible (I should be grateful for confirmation).

On our side, the Prime Minister hopes that the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, Sir Crispin Tickell and Mr. Williamson will be present. I shall also attend.

I am copying this letter to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

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Prime Minister.

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23 February 1984

Dear John,

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Visit of Mr Lubbers: 2 March

The Prime Minister is to hold talks with the Netherlands Prime Minister on 2 March. We need to consider the agenda and the arrangements for the talks.

Agenda

Community issues will inevitably dominate the talks in the run-up to the March European Council. We propose to provide briefing on the following:

- (i) Budgetary imbalance and budgetary discipline
- (ii) CAP
- (iii) New policies, including the internal market
- (iv) Enlargement
- (v) Common Commercial Policy and International Trade issues
- (vi) European Transport Policy (which Mr Lubbers will raise)

If time allows the following non-Community subjects are topical and could be covered either by the Prime Minister or at the meeting which the Foreign Secretary has arranged to hold immediately afterwards with the Dutch Foreign Minister:

Defence and Arms Control

East/West Relations (our Embassy expect that Mr Lubbers will be particularly interested in Mrs Thatcher's impressions of her visit to Moscow.)

Economic Summit (7-9 June)

The Middle East: (i) Lebanon  
(ii) Iran/Iraq

Falkland Islands/Argentina

Briefing will also be provided on these.

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Mr Lubbers will arrive at Northolt at about 0700 and be met by a Special Representative. He will then come straight to 10 Downing Street, for talks to start at 0815 and end at 1000. Mr van den Broek is due to land at Heathrow by commercial flight from New York at 0640 and will come separately into London.

We understand that the Dutch party to the breakfast will also include the Netherlands Ambassador in London, Mr Huydecoper, and the Director-General for European Cooperation in the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dr Posthumus Meyjes, making a total of four in all.

On our side, apart from Sir Geoffrey Howe, we propose that Sir Crispin Tickell should be present from the FCO. You may wish also to invite Mr Williamson from the Cabinet Office.

I should be grateful to know whether these arrangements are acceptable.

Yes ever, Yes mt

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