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Dear Len,

Thank you for copying to me your letter of 19 November to Charles Powell at NO 10.

We are content with the Foreign Secretary's proposed agenda for this meeting. In the context of the US economy and the dangers of protectionism, the Foreign Secretary might emphasise our disappointment and concern at the Administration's decision to reject the EC's proposed terms for a voluntary restraint arrangement on imports of steel pipes and tubes, and to proceed to unilateral action. The Community has had to reserve its GATT rights on this matter.

Sir Geoffrey Howe will no doubt welcome the President's decision that the grand jury anti-trust case against British Airways is to be terminated; and the recent conclusion of the bilateral understanding on export controls; but we feel that it would be as well if, in doing so, the Foreign Secretary were to remind Mr Shultz that it will require continuing efforts if problems arising from extra-territoriality are to be contained.

We also hope that the Foreign Secretary might find time for a brief exchange of views with Mr Shultz on developments on the multilateral trading front, and notably the prospects for a new GATT round.

We would, of course, like to be consulted on the preparation of briefing on these subjects.

I am copying this letter to Charles Powell (No 10), David Peretz (Treasury), Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office), Richard Mottram (MOD) and Dinah Nicholls (D/Tp).

Yours ever,

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Private Secretary

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