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*From the Private Secretary*

MR. TREVELYAN

The Prime Minister has now seen your minute of 11 August about the European Institute of Public Administration at Maastricht. She has agreed to provide an introduction to the 1987 programme of the EIPA and has approved the text suggested in your minute.

(Timothy Flesher)

18 August 1986

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Phil Murto:

FROM: D J TREVELYAN

DATE: 11 AUGUST 1986

Agree a message along the lines proposed?

MR FLESHER

cc PS/Sir Robert Armstrong  
Miss Mueller  
Mr Moore  
Mr Coster

Yes not  
(It is a useful organisation for) which helps on other 13/8 have approved it  
choice of words

EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (EIPA): MAASTRICHT

We spoke. We have been asked by the European Institute of Public Administration (which is an academic institution in Maastricht concerned with training both national and institution staff in the procedures and techniques of the European Commission) if the Prime Minister, as the current Chairman of the European Council, would contribute a short introduction - about 60 words - to the 1987 Programme of the EIPA.

2. The EIPA was set up at the initiative of the Dutch Government. The Prime Minister was involved in EIPA matters during her visit to The Hague in September 1983 when she responded favourably to an approach from Mr Lubbers, Prime Minister of the Netherlands, for help in providing a British staff member for the EIPA. It was this initiative which largely contributed to the setting up of the College and persuading other nations to join. A British member of staff - now an Associate Professor - was provided; we now play a very full part in the EIPA and derive value from it. We are on the Board of Management; civil servants from the United Kingdom attend courses; and Mr Luce will be attending in November, on behalf of the Foreign Secretary as President of the Commission, the opening of the enlarged College by the Queen of Holland.

3. Dr FitzGerald and M. Santer provided brief introductions to the 1985 and 1986 Programmes respectively (copies attached), and I recommend that the Prime Minister should similarly provide an introduction. A draft - which has been agreed with



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the European Secretariat of the Cabinet Office - is attached for approval. We have also been asked for a photograph of the Prime Minister. It would be helpful to EIPA if the Prime Minister's agreement could be given before the end of August.

*Anil Chhabra*  
D J TREVELYAN

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1985 Programme

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'A valuable contribution to improving the functioning of the European Community can be made by the provision of high quality training, with a European focus, for senior civil-servants from both the Community institutions and the Member States. The European Institute of Public Administration is meeting this need.'

Dr Garret FitzGerald TD  
President-in-Office of the European Council  
Taoiseach of Ireland

## 1985 Programme

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**The great diversity of cultures and conceptions constitutes both richness and a source of difficulties in the process of European integration. The European Institute of Public Administration has managed to take up the challenge of highlighting the plurality of cultures and ideas in order to form a European public management accessible to viewing problems in a wider context than merely the national viewpoint.'**

Jacques Santer  
Chairman of the European Council (July-December 1985)  
Prime Minister of Luxembourg



DRAFT TEXT FOR INTRODUCTION TO EIPA PROGRAMME

"Those who are engaged in the work of the European Community know how much they need to understand each other's perspectives and their way of doing business. Through the activities of the European Institute of Public Administration, senior civil servants are able to share their experience and increase their understanding of both the national and Community setting for their work. In this way we can achieve a more effective European Community to the benefit of all its citizens."