

Extradition

- Very pleased that the Irish Government will shortly be introducing legislation to deal with problems that have arisen in past extradition cases. Look forward to discussion of this: believe that officials are to meet soon. Grateful also for Irish assistance in recent cases, and the arrest of Quinlivan and McCauley (IRA escapers from Brixton). We are at one in believing that terrorists should not be able to claim a political defence for their crimes.

EC ISSUES

Economic Growth and Employment

- UK fully committed to Edinburgh principles on promoting economic recovery. Welcome follow-up work in ECOFIN. Hope Copenhagen will be able to build on what ECOFIN has achieved.
 - Aware that ECOFIN has made progress with the remit from Edinburgh to consider measures to improve functioning of labour markets. Hope that Copenhagen will acknowledge this.
 - Can agree to further Commission study, with focus on competitiveness in world markets and improving functioning of labour markets. Must avoid measures which hold back EC companies and hamper job creation. Important for ECOFIN to be given appropriate role in follow-up work.
 - Hope we can keep Commission to their word (at ECOFIN) that they will bring forward no new spending proposals.
- [If Raised: Do not accept that lower forecasts for EC growth justify reopening Edinburgh expenditure ceilings. Like national Governments, Community must live within its means.]

Proposed Autumn European Council

- An ill-timed proposal. Sceptical about the value of a Special European Council in the autumn. But recognise that if it gathers sufficient support from other Member State, it will go ahead.
- Will not object, provided that agenda for meeting sticks to practical issues such as implementing Maastricht, taking forward enlargement, relations with East and Central Europe.
- But do see serious risks in a Summit that tries to re-open Maastricht, or to anticipate the 1996 IGC. That would simply re-open divisions in the Community. Does not, however, appear to be what Germans and Belgians have in mind.
- If subject comes up at Copenhagen, will insist that agenda for any special European Council concentrates on practical, operational issues listed above.

GATT

- Welcome confirmation of Peter Sutherland's appointment as GATT Director-General (by unanimous approval of GATT contracting parties on 9 June). The right person to steer the Uruguay Round to a successful conclusion.
- Encouraged by renewed commitment shown by main GATT negotiating parties. Hope we will see an outline market access package agreed by Tokyo.
- Not convinced of value of detailed discussion at Copenhagen: several more pressing issues deserve our attention. But Council conclusions should offer support and encouragement to Commission and a positive impulse to the negotiating process.
- (If necessary) Important not to give wrong signals to other parties in the negotiations at possibly crucial stage in market access discussions. Commission need negotiating flexibility if

they are to secure best outcome for the Community: appearing to question their approach could fatally undermine their credibility.

- (If Mr Reynolds raises GATT agriculture agreement) Believe Commission assumptions are reasonable, and that Blair House is compatible with CAP reform. Recognise particular problems with beef: but these stem from inadequate reforms to date. Blair House will not make them worse. In any case, should not view agriculture agreement in isolation, but as part of overall Uruguay Round settlement, from which we all stand to gain.

Openness

- Good progress in Danish Presidency: opening up Council debates to TV cameras, better pre-Council background briefing of press, getting agreement on guidelines on the quality of drafting of Community legislation.

- Believe all these points should be included in Copenhagen Conclusions. Should also note Commission's efforts, eg making greater use of Green papers to consult on legislative proposals. Conclusions should say something positive - and practical - about openness in Commission and Council.

- Important that we keep up the momentum set by Birmingham and Edinburgh Councils. Will need to encourage Belgian Presidency to hold reasonable number of open Council sessions.

Subsidiarity

- Keen that Copenhagen European Council is seen to make progress on subsidiarity. Important to demonstrate to people of Europe that subsidiarity has practical effects.

- Understand that Delors thinking of presentation on process since Edinburgh, and looking forward to substantive discussion already commissioned for Brussels summit on legislation to be amended or withdrawn. His

presentation could provide opportunity for discussion at Copenhagen, perhaps at the end of Monday afternoon.

- Will also need good conclusions language, to reflect what Delors says. Hope it can include some examples of legislation to be amended or withdrawn.

Enlargement

- Copenhagen should build on useful progress made at the Ministerial meeting with the applicants in margins of last week's FAC. Must break back of negotiations in second half of this year. At absolute minimum, conclusions language should stress need for decisive progress under Belgian Presidency.

- A target date for accession will keep all those involved in negotiations up to mark. Conclusions should refer to aim of accession by 1 January 1995 (even if we think it may be difficult to achieve).

Structural Funds

- Have an ambitious timetable to reach agreement on revision of the Structural Funds. Important we get it right since large sums are involved and this will be last chance before 1999;

- Do not expect European Council to discuss substance of revision;

- Would expect Ireland to benefit substantially from financing of structural funds agreed at Edinburgh;

- Welcome cooperation between Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic on local structural fund planning;

- Objective 1 status for Merseyside and the Highlands and Islands of Scotland of very important for the UK.

Russia

- Disappointing that negotiations for a Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (PCA) could not be concluded in time for Copenhagen European Council. But better to have a good Agreement than a rushed one. Community has already shown considerable flexibility. Russians must now reciprocate.

Central and Eastern Europe (CEE)

- Close to agreement on Commission's proposals for strengthening relations with CEE following last week's Foreign Affairs Council.
- CEE expectations high. Copenhagen should send a clear, positive and welcoming message to CEE.
- Trade liberalisation measures modest. Vital for CEE that these should not be watered down further.
- Expect French to raise their initiative on peace and stability in Europe at European Council. Interesting but should not be allowed to upstage Commission's proposals.

Sudan

- Grateful for the effort which the Irish Government has exerted to mobilise international concern at the humanitarian crisis in Sudan.
- Your Minister for Development Cooperation made an important visit to Sudan - including the South - in April. Helped focus Partners' attention on the crisis. EC Troika Humanitarian mission going to the region tomorrow.
- Have urged others to increase pledges for humanitarian aid. We are ready to do more.

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- Vital that we keep up pressure on the Khartoum régime and the SPLA factions to engage seriously in peace negotiations. Must also keep pressure up on Khartoum on human rights: hope UN Special Rapporteur on human rights can visit Sudan soon.
- EC action helped secure appointment by UN Secretary-General of senior coordinator for Sudan. Remit primarily humanitarian. But hope that he can also further the peace process.
- [If raised] Have not ruled out recourse to the UN Security Council. But do not consider that we have reached that stage yet. Must see how present Nigerian initiative fares.

Somalia/Peacekeeping

- HMG deeply regrets all loss of life in Somalia and condemns those warlords who provoked recent events.
- Welcome SCR 837. Essential that anti-UNOSOM activities by Somali warlords brought under control. FAC statement also welcome.
- Welcome Un announcement to investigate tragic shooting of Somali demonstrators on 12 and 13 June.
- Imperative that a stable security situation exists in order that rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts can continue.
- Recognise Ireland's extensive and consistent contributions to Un operations and the professionalism of Irish troops and civilian police.

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- Very much welcome moves in the Dail to allow participation of Irish forces in UN Peacekeeping operations with an enforcement mandate. Wish you every success.

- Massive growth of UN Peacekeeping over last four years. 10,000 UN peacekeepers deployed at beginning 1992; 56,000 by beginning 1993, almost 100,000 by end 1993.

- But indications that international community is reaching ceiling of willingness (and ability) to contribute forces.

- Know that UN would welcome further Irish contributions. Have heard that Ireland may be considering sending troops to Cyprus to bolster UNFICYP. If true, a very welcome development. Would welcome any further information.