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BRUGES SPEECH

The draft with your letter of 31 August seems well on the way to a memorable production. I attach a few comments.

2. In the light of the analysis we have done of Commission empire building in response to your remit of 20 July, I should recommend dropping the references to this on page 31 of your draft.

3. It occurs to me that you might in fact like to see the current draft of the empire building note (I am about to consult Departments on it). It may possibly stimulate some further thought for the Bruges speech. But it would be helpful in any event to know if it is likely to serve the purpose you had in mind.

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Page 8, second sentence

Delete and substitute "We all carry into Europe that experience."

Page 10

In line 2, substitute "in" in place of "for" and delete the final two sentences.

[In general we fought with others: and I fancy our objective was normally to save our own skins.]

Page 12

In line 4, delete "Britain and America" and substitute "those who loved freedom".

[We should not forget the resistance movements.]

Page 15

In line 2, after "we" add "and others".

Page 20

Delete final sentence and substitute:

"My first guideline is: let us achieve strength through diversity."

[It seems a pity to express a positive message by a negative guideline, especially the first one.]

Page 27

Shorten to read:

"But working more closely together does not require the creation of a new European super state."

Pages 28-9

Delete the second sentence on page 28 and revise the first sentence of page 29 to read:

"For those of us who believe that governments should provide the broad framework for the economic life of a country, within which their countrymen can exercise individual freedom, it seems quite natural."

Page 31

Add at the end of the first sentence "as expressed through public opinion in our national parliaments". Delete the second sentence.

[The first change would be to pre-empt chatter about the democratic deficit.]

Page 34

In line 2 insert "always" after "has".

Page 36

In line 6, delete "but" and substitute "and".

Page 40

Before "frontiers" in line 6 insert "internal". In line 8, delete "abolish" and substitute "rule out action at".

Page 45

In line 6, before "food aid" insert "subsidised exports and".

Page 55

Add to the final line "to the benefit of our citizens".

[To avoid the implication that one is going by a rule book.]