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Dear Chales.

Thank you for your letter of 5 September.

My Secretary of State is currently in New Zealand, returning tomorrow. He will not therefore himself have an opportunity to comment on the proposed content of the Prime Minister's speech in Bruges until after the weekend.

My Secretary of State's 2 September minute did not of course primarily address itself to the Government's public stance towards the Community, and he was not proposing that it should be discussed collectively. I imagine that he may wish to discuss his minute, and its relationship with Bruges, at his bilateral on Thursday, 15 September.

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