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From the Private Secretary

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PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH IN BRUGES

I now attach a further version of the speech which reflects discussion with the Prime Minister. As you will see, I have substantially rewritten the earlier part of the speech and there are other important changes elsewhere. The Prime Minister is now broadly content with it. I should be grateful if you and other recipients of the draft could let me have further comments and amendments by 1500 hours on Friday 16 September. This is likely to be the last opportunity to comment before we start typing up the text for the autocue on Monday 19 September.

On a specific point, the Prime Minister would like to include at the end of the section on 'Europe Open to Enterprise' a short paragraph on aspects of the single market where the UK is well ahead of its partners in having opened up its own market, eg. coastal shipping, insurance and financial services. I should be grateful if you and the DTI could let me have a draft.

I am copying this letter and enclosure to Alex Allan (H M Treasury), Neil Thornton (Department of Trade and Industry), Brian Hawtin (Ministry of Defence), Shirley Stagg (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Foods) and Roger Lavelle (Cabinet Office).

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