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PRIME MINISTER

Cabinet: Community Affairs

The Minister of Agriculture might report on progress in the CAP price fixing negotiations in the 20/22 April Agriculture Council, where it will be our aim to maintain the relatively comfortable position secured for the United Kingdom at the first round of discussions in March when we avoided being isolated but blocked a final settlement pending a satisfactory outcome on the budget.

2. In the absence of the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary (and unless already reported by him to Cabinet on 20 April) you might simply confirm on the mandate that the meeting of Foreign Ministers of the Ten which Mr Pym attended on 20 April agreed that the budget negotiations should go ahead on the second day of the 26/27 April Foreign Affairs Council.

3. Next week, apart from the Foreign Affairs Council, the Finance Council meets on 26 April and the Standing Employment Committee on 27 April.

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