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Dear Nigel,

TORONTO SUMMIT FOLLOW UP: DRUGS: COMPLAINTS FROM THE COMMISSION

1. It is not clear whether you have seen the enclosed telex from Pascal Lamy. It passes on to European Sherpas a message he sent to Allen Wallis earlier this month, complaining about being left out of the meeting in Washington to follow up the Toronto undertaking to establish a task force on drugs. If you did not get your copy, I apologise: the telex went astray and was not sent to ERD until late last week. Lamy may repeat his complaints in Rambouillet.
2. I do not think we need to worry about Lamy's telex unduly. It is another example of the Commission's sensitivities about their status vis-à-vis the Summit Seven, and their desire to upgrade it wherever possible.
3. Lamy's complaint is based on the fact that the meeting was a follow up to the Toronto Summit. But that is not a sufficient condition for Commission attendance; they do not attend Summit format meetings on terrorism, for example. The Community's competence in the drugs field is very limited. Member States are generally wary of efforts by the Commission to extend it.
4. We are inclined to think that Commission participation would not be a very good idea. But you may want to check the views of your German and Italian colleagues at Rambouillet. (The French had their own problems with this meeting, as you see from the enclosed letter from the Embassy in Washington.) If the others are keen to include the Commission we could grudgingly go along with that, subject to the caveat that their presence was without prejudice to the question of Community competence in the drugs field.
5. I see no need for you to reply to Lamy's telex. But unless you see difficulty, I should like to warn David Hannay of Lamy's pique.

Yours ever

Nicola Butler

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N P Bayne

cc. Sir G Littler, HMT
Sir J Fretwell

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DEAR COLLEAGUE,

THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A MESSAGE THAT I SENT TO ALLEN WALLIS:-

DEAR ALLEN,

I HAVE LEARNED THAT THERE WILL VERY SHORTLY BE A MEETING OF A NARCOTICS TASK FORCE IN WASHINGTON. IF THIS IS A FOLLOW-UP TO THE TORONTO SUMMIT WHERE IT WAS AGREED THAT A SPECIAL TASK FORCE SHOULD BE CONVENED, THE COMMUNITY SHOULD BE PRESENT.

PLEASE COULD YOU LET SIR ROY DENMAN KNOW THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE MEETING SO THAT A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION'S DELEGATION IN WASHINGTON CAN BE PRESENT.!!

ON NARCOTICS THE TORONTO SUMMIT BOTH LOOKED FORWARD TO THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE VIENNA NEGOTIATIONS AND SUPPORTED THE IDEA OF CONVENING A SPECIAL TASK FORCE. THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY PARTICIPATED IN THE VIENNA CONFERENCE. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN ACTIVELY PURSUING A PROGRAMME OF CO-OPERATION WITH DRUG PRODUCING AND CONSUMING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THE COMMISSION HAS BEEN STEPPING UP ITS EFFORTS TO PROMOTE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION TO PREVENT TRAFFICKING IN NARCOTIC DRUGS.

IT IS CLEAR THAT THE COMMISSION SHOULD HAVE BEEN INVITED TO THE MEETING OF THE TASK FORCE IN WASHINGTON. I HOPE THAT I CAN RELY ON YOUR SUPPORT IN ENSURING THAT IT IS INVITED TO ANY FURTHER MEETINGS.

P. LAMY