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From the Private Secretary

MR. TREVELYAN

The Prime Minister has now seen your minute of 11 August about the European Institute of Public Administration at Maastricht. She has agreed to provide an introduction to the 1987 programme of the EIPA and has approved the text suggested in your minute.

(Timothy Flesher)

18 August 1986

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Phil Murto:

FROM: D J TREVELYAN

DATE: 11 AUGUST 1986

Agree a message along

MR FLESHER

the lines proposed?

cc PS/Sir Robert Armstrong
Miss Mueller
Mr Moore
Mr Coster

Yes not
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on other 13/8 have
approved it
choice of words

EUROPEAN INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (EIPA): MAASTRICHT

We spoke. We have been asked by the European Institute of Public Administration (which is an academic institution in Maastricht concerned with training both national and institution staff in the procedures and techniques of the European Commission) if the Prime Minister, as the current Chairman of the European Council, would contribute a short introduction - about 60 words - to the 1987 Programme of the EIPA.

2. The EIPA was set up at the initiative of the Dutch Government. The Prime Minister was involved in EIPA matters during her visit to The Hague in September 1983 when she responded favourably to an approach from Mr Lubbers, Prime Minister of the Netherlands, for help in providing a British staff member for the EIPA. It was this initiative which largely contributed to the setting up of the College and persuading other nations to join. A British member of staff - now an Associate Professor - was provided; we now play a very full part in the EIPA and derive value from it. We are on the Board of Management; civil servants from the United Kingdom attend courses; and Mr Luce will be attending in November, on behalf of the Foreign Secretary as President of the Commission, the opening of the enlarged College by the Queen of Holland.

3. Dr FitzGerald and M. Santer provided brief introductions to the 1985 and 1986 Programmes respectively (copies attached), and I recommend that the Prime Minister should similarly provide an introduction. A draft - which has been agreed with



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the European Secretariat of the Cabinet Office - is attached for approval. We have also been asked for a photograph of the Prime Minister. It would be helpful to EIPA if the Prime Minister's agreement could be given before the end of August.

Anil Chhabra
D J TREVELYAN

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1985 Programme

'A valuable contribution to improving the functioning of the European Community can be made by the provision of high quality training, with a European focus, for senior civil-servants from both the Community institutions and the Member States. The European Institute of Public Administration is meeting this need.'

Dr Garret FitzGerald TD
President-in-Office of the European Council
Taoiseach of Ireland

1985 Programme

The great diversity of cultures and conceptions constitutes both richness and a source of difficulties in the process of European integration. The European Institute of Public Administration has managed to take up the challenge of highlighting the plurality of cultures and ideas in order to form a European public management accessible to viewing problems in a wider context than merely the national viewpoint.'

Jacques Santer
Chairman of the European Council (July-December 1985)
Prime Minister of Luxembourg



DRAFT TEXT FOR INTRODUCTION TO EIPA PROGRAMME

"Those who are engaged in the work of the European Community know how much they need to understand each other's perspectives and their way of doing business. Through the activities of the European Institute of Public Administration, senior civil servants are able to share their experience and increase their understanding of both the national and Community setting for their work. In this way we can achieve a more effective European Community to the benefit of all its citizens."



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From the Private Secretary

23 December 1981

Letter from Mr. van Agt: European Institute of Public Administration

You wrote to Michael Alexander on 25 November enclosing a draft reply from the Prime Minister to Mr. van Agt's letter. The Prime Minister duly wrote to Mr. van Agt on 27 November and arrangements were made for it to be delivered to him at the Piccadilly Hotel. In the event, however, the letter was not received by Mr. van Agt; it was returned to No. 10 two days ago.

I now enclose the letter. You may care to consider whether it should be forwarded to Mr. van Agt with a suitable explanation, or whether events have overtaken the need to reply.

A. J. COLES

Francis Richards, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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PRIME MINISTER'S

PERSONAL MESSAGE

SERIAL No. T169A/87

THE PRIME MINISTER

27 November 1981

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Dear Mr. van Agt,

Thank you for your letter of 19 November about the European Institute of Public Administration.

I think that the Institute could provide a useful additional dimension to our Civil Service European Training. We have in fact already given an undertaking that the UK will participate in the Institute's work, and the Principal of the Civil Service College, Mr. Noel Moore, serves on its Scientific Council.

I can assure you that we will consider carefully whether there is any way in which we could extend our participation. But I am sure you will appreciate that the present economic situation and the need for severe restraint on public expenditure are major constraints.

Yours sincerely,

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His Excellency Mr. A.A.M. van Agt

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

Type for PM's signature

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25 November 1981

Dear Michael,

Letter from Mr Van Agt:
European Institute of Public Administration

Thank you for your letter of 23 November enclosing a copy of one from Mr Van Agt to the Prime Minister. I enclose a draft reply. The background is that last year the UK was asked to give an undertaking that the UK Civil Service would participate in its work. This was given by Sir Ian Bancroft and the Principal of the Civil Service College accepted an invitation to serve on its executive body (the so-called Scientific Council). We have also been asked to fund a Chair of the Institute (possibly Economics) and thereby become entitled to have two Members on the Board of Directors at a cost of some £100,000 per annum. In response to previous appeals, the Lord Privy Seal has written twice to Mr Biesheuvel, President of the EIPA, saying that we are considering whether we can make any public funds available to the Institute, but pointing out that the present economic situation and the need for severe restraint on public expenditure would make it extremely difficult for us to take on this kind of commitment.

We are reluctant to recommend at this stage that the UK should definitely decline to provide funds for the Institute. None of the other major Member States (France, Germany or Italy) have yet committed itself to financial participation in the Institute. Until we see the eventual extent of their commitment we can hold our hand.

We understand from our Embassy in The Hague that Mr Van Agt may mention the Institute to the Prime Minister in the margins of the European Council. She may wish to take the same line as in the draft letter.

I am copying this letter to David Wright.

Yours ever,

(F N Richards)
Private Secretary

Francis Richards

M O'D B Alexander Esq
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FROM:

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Prime Minister

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Mr Van Agt

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Enclosures—flag(s).....

25 NOV 1981





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From the Private Secretary

23 November, 1981.

I enclose a letter which the Prime Minister has received from the Prime Minister of the Netherlands about the European Institute of Public Administration. I should be grateful if you could let me have a note for the Prime Minister's use during the European Council or, still better, a draft reply to Mr. van Agt, by 25 November.

I am sending a copy of this letter and its enclosure to David Wright (Cabinet Office).

M. O'D. B. ALEXANDER

Francis Richards, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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MINISTER-PRESIDENT

PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. T 160A/81

The Hague, November 19, 1981

Nr. 315800

cc. Koster sek

opt.

Dear Prime Minister,

I would like to draw your attention to a matter in which I have some considerable personal interest. At the meeting of the European Council in Maastricht on March 23, 1981 I had the pleasure of giving the official go-ahead to the European Institute of Public Administration, which should open at the beginning of next year.

The Institute will provide short, practical courses for civil servants working in European institutions and if required in the member states of the Community, with the aim of increasing the efficiency of the institutions, both internally and for the benefit of the member states. It is geared towards the practical problems of administration in Europe and is the only institute of its kind; it will undoubtedly meet a need, and the Netherlands Government has therefore decided to give it its full support and to meet the costs of the infrastructure (7.5 million guilders) and administration on a permanent basis (4 million guilders). If the Institute is to live up to expectations, it will have to have qualified staff from all over Europe. The countries concerned - all the member states of the Community, plus Portugal and Spain - have therefore been asked to meet the costs of academic staff from their countries.

Before I gave the official go-ahead to the scheme on March 23 in the presence of the ambassadors of the countries concerned, a positive response to the initiative had been received from all the countries, who had expressed their readiness in principle to cooperate.

Although there have since been consultations between the management of the Institute and the relevant organisations in the United Kingdom concerning the participation of staff from your country, these have not yet borne fruit. On behalf of the Netherlands Government, and also in a personal capacity, I would appeal to you to put in a word in favour of the Institute.

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To the Rt.Hon.Mrs. Margret Thatcher MP

In view of the great importance I attach to the cooperation of the United Kingdom in the scheme, which I feel will also help to bring the Anglo-Saxon and continental administrative traditions closer together, I would greatly appreciate your personal assistance in this matter.

Kind regards
Yours sincerely,

Andries van Aagt

23 NOV 1981



