

THURSDAY, 16th FEBRUARY 1984

EUROPEAN ELECTIONS

Key Points made

1. GH On the Manifesto, more information will be requested from Ministers. A quick response will be needed from special advisers.
2. GH Need for a strategy document to be produced by both the Chairman and himself, in particular to deal with the Opposition parties.
3. GH Need to avoid banana skins. Colleagues must look in their departments.
4. GH Are there any new policies coming forward, not necessarily Europe related?
5. JSG Wherever possible Ministers should point to what the Community has facilitated and made possible.
6. WW We must decide on what we want to fight the elections. He has in hand the future plans of Government departments.
7. WW We must try and influence more the Information Campaign. NT said that Michael Dobbs was getting as involved as possible with the Saatchi campaign.
8. PM & GH All adverts to be seen by Foreign Secretary before they go out.
9. NE Must try and avoid danger of candidates making up policy in conflict with Government policy.
10. NL Treasury will be happy to cost Labour's and Alliance's proposals.

Meeting 16.2.84 - Key points made cont.

11. NL Assuming the Budget crisis is not solved in March it becomes all the more vital that Ministers clear things with the Treasury and Foreign Office.
12. JSG General theme should be: true to Britain, true to Europe.
13. PW Turn out is the key. Therefore important that MPs activate Branch Chairmen.

SS

16.2.84