

FOREIGN OFFICE FILES FOR POST-WAR EUROPE

Series Two: The Treaty of Rome and European Integration, 1957-1960

Part 1: Files for 1957

Publisher's Note

"The Community shall have as its task, by establishing a common market and an economic and monetary union, to promote throughout the Community a harmonious and balanced development of economic activities, sustainable and non-inflationary growth respecting the environment, a high degree of convergence of economic performance, a high level of employment and of social protection, the raising of the standard of living and quality of life, and economic and social cohesion and solidarity among Member States."

Article 2, Part 1 of the '*Treaty Establishing the European Community..*'

On the 25 March 1957 the six member countries of the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) - France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, West Germany and Italy - all signed an agreement which was to lay the foundations of the European Union as we know it today.

The Treaty of Rome created the European Economic Community (colloquially called the 'Common Market') and a related agreement created the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom). Britain was not very enthusiastic about political and economic union, preferring free trade between independent nation states. Despite her reservations, Britain took careful steps to keep all European developments under close scrutiny. These files are proof of that.

Part 1 is dominated by 43 files on the subject of European Economic Integration and on the formation of a Common Market and Free Trade Area. A further 22 files discuss the Messina proposals on European Integration. There are also files on the birth of Euratom, the role of the European Coal and Steel Community, the European Movement, the Council of Europe and the Round Table Conference of European 'Wise Men'. To this we have added the Board of Trade's report on the likely impact of the European Community, Cabinet discussions on the Treaty of Rome and key Treasury files on UK/EEC relations, the creation of EFTA and the impact of the EEC on Commonwealth trade.

A whole range of issues can be examined through the use of these documents:

- To what extent was the EEC modelled on the trans-continental economy of the USA?
- Did the growth of the EEC affect the Cold War and the balance of power in Europe?
- Why was agriculture such a divisive issue in the EEC and EFTA?
- Were the six signatories of the Treaty of Rome equally committed to federalist principles?
- What were the economic advantages for the signatory powers?

The creation of a united Europe is without doubt one of the most important historical processes of the twentieth century. These documents will allow scholars and students to understand how the European Economic Community grew from the seeds of the prototype European Coal and Steel Community, to emerge as a major economic force.

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Record of conversation concerning Euratom with Monsieur Spaak and the Prime Minister, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and the President of the Board of Trade at 10 Downing Street, 15 January, 1957.

Visit of the Euratom 'Three Wise Men' to the United Kingdom.

Trade in nuclear materials. Fourth Meeting of the Joint Working Party, 14 January, UK Delegation to OEEC.

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Nuclear Energy, Euratom and The Three Wise Men of Euratom (Louis Armand, Franz Etzel and Francesco Giordani) (Folder 2) comprising sub-files such as:

Provisional programme for the visit to the UK of MM Armand, Etzel and Giordani.

Aide-Memoire from MM Armand, Etzel and Giordani to the Secretary of State and the Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, 4 February.

New York Times, February 20, 1957, Atomic power feud divides the AEA. Strauss backs FOP plan on private development – Murray bids US Act.

FO 371/128310

Nuclear Energy, Euratom and The Three Wise Men of Euratom (Louis Armand, Franz Etzel and Francesco Giordani) (Folder 3) comprising sub-files such as:

Steering Committee for Nuclear Energy, Draft Statute of the Nuclear Energy Agency, 10th April.

Draft Summary of the Main Provisions of the Treaty Setting Up the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom).

Brief on 'Civil Atomic Cooperation and Euratom' for the Prime Minister's Visit to Germany on 7 May.

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Nuclear Energy, Euratom and The Three Wise Men of Euratom (Louis Armand, Franz Etzel and Francesco Giordani) (Folder 4) comprising sub-files such as:

OEEC – Steering Committee on Nuclear Energy – Working Party on Public Health and Safety.

The Belgian attitude in Euratom. The UK delegation to the United Nations, New York, July 12th.

Visit to Canada of the three members of the Atomic Energy Committee of the Brussels Conference, 14-16 February.

FO 371/128312

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Free Trade in the Nuclear Field and the European Free Trade Area. Draft for a ministerial meeting in October.

Privileges and immunities in OEEC joint undertakings in the field of Nuclear Energy, 1 August.

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Copy letter to W Wilson, UK delegation to OEEC, Paris, setting out 3 points arising from the Minutes of the first meeting of the Energy Committee, 8 October 1957.

Draft of paper on HMG's legal powers to implement the OEEC convention on (Nuclear) Security Control.

Steering Committee for Nuclear Energy draft protocol relating to the tribunal set up by the convention of the establishment of a security control in the field of nuclear energy, 30 September 1957.

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Nuclear Energy, Euratom and The Three Wise Men of Euratom (Louis Armand, Franz Etzel and Francesco Giordani) (Folder 7) comprising sub-files such as:

Sir Hugh Ellis-Rees, UK delegation to OEEC re: the position on nuclear energy, mentioning the proposal that the Paymaster General should come to Paris to be present when important decisions to be taken, 20 November 1957.

Copy of letter from Inland Revenue to Mr F C How, AEO, enclosing table of comparison of net incomes after taxation in the various countries, 12 December 1957.

Request from UK delegation to OEEC in Paris to Foreign Office, London for full powers for Sir H Ellis-Rees to sign Convention on Security Control, and the Protocol on the Tribunal, 13 December 1957.

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Simplification of frontier formalities in EC member states (Folder 1) comprising sub-files such as: Recommendation 118, adopted by the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe on the conclusion of an agreement concerning reciprocal travel facilities for the war disabled when travelling abroad by railway, 31 January 1957.

Correspondence from J A Marriott, Leicester and ensuing discussions re: news report which stated, 'Britain has refused to join a European enquiry into ways of cutting out red tape on foreign travel, March 1957.

FO 371/128326

Simplification of frontier formalities in EC member states (Folder 2) comprising sub-files such as: Papers concerning the meetings of the Council of Europe Special Committee on Frontier Formalities at which Britain is not represented. Mr Meade, Head of the Delegation in Strasbourg, is prepared to attend future meetings as an observer, August 1957.

Questionnaires and discussions re identity cards for travel purposes in OEEC countries.

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Strasbourg Plan concerning territorial territories, comprising files such as:

Strasbourg Plan – reactions of the Belgian, Irish, Turkish, Luxembourg, Netherlands & French delegates on Item 21 of Agenda for the meeting of Deputies. Expert Study Group for the development of Africa, increased budget premium, January 1957.

Drafts of telegram to Strasbourg about the Expert Working Group on the development of Africa, and associated discussions.

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European initiative, circular letter to all OEEC posts asking for copies of articles and information items relating to the signing of the Common Market and Euratom Treaties, January 1957.

European initiative, reports re: Japanese attitude to UK proposals for a Free Trade Area, December 1956 – February 1957.

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European economic integration: formation of Common Market and Free Trade Area (Folder 2) comprising sub-files such as:

Sir R Barclay, Copenhagen, notes for his speech to the British Import Union on the FTA, December 1957.

Copy of Savingram to the High Commissioner, Federation of Malaya, concerning the FTA, 14 December 1956.

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European economic integration: formation of Common Market and Free Trade Area (Folder 3) comprising sub-files such as:

Papers concerning the visit of M Spaak, Chairman of the Inter-Governmental Conference for the Common Market.

Organisation for European Economic Co-operation. Working Party No. 17 of the Council. Report to the Council on Methods of Association with the Common Market of the Six, December 1956.

FO 371/128334

European economic integration: formation of Common Market and Free Trade Area (Folder 4) comprising sub-files such as:

Copy of letter from the Treasury to the British Embassy, Washington asking who will be the US representative at the forthcoming meeting of the OEEC Ministerial Council, and stressing the need to be fully briefed as to the US attitude towards the FTA, January 1957.

Translation of a note from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Lisbon of January 31, 1957, and copy of Aide Memoire about the Europe and Free Trade Area and Customs and Economic Union.

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European economic integration: formation of Common Market and Free Trade Area (Folder 5) comprising sub-files such as:

Record of a conversation between Lord Harvey and Sir Cecil Weir who emphasised the importance of UK joining with Europe in a Common Market and Free Trade Area owing to the possibility of Germany taking our place, 7 February 1957.

Report on a visit to Athens on 1 & 2 February, 1957 when the Free Trade Area was discussed. Attached note states, 'Mr Cahan told Sir Hugh [Ellis-Rees] that this report under-states the degree of resistance to the idea of a Free Trade Area which he encountered on his visit to Athens.'

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Draft minutes of the meeting of Heads of Delegates, held on 1 February 1957 in Brussels, to discuss the Common Market and Euratom.

Note for the record on the inclusion of overseas territories in the Free Trade Area, February 1957.

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Reports from Sir C Jebb, British Embassy, Paris to Secretary of State, Selwyn Lloyd, that 'Eurafrica' is to be first on the agenda of Franco-American talks, plus a memorandum on the present position of the Common Market and Euratom from a European perspective, 23 Feb 1957.

European Initiative: Press extracts from various countries, February 1957.

FO 371/128338

European economic integration: formation of Common Market and Free Trade Area (Folder 8) comprising sub-files such as:

Minutes on the European Industrial Free Trade Area and the Six-Power Customs Union, February 1957.

Report of conversation with Andre de Staercke when the Free Trade Area and the Customs Union were discussed, with particular reference to overseas territories, February 1957.

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Japanese reaction to the Industrial Free Trade Area, together with an article in 'British Opinion', March 1957

Full record of the meeting of the Anglo-French Economic Committee at Quai d'Orsay, 20 March 1957.

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Copy of the text of a talk on the Common Market and Euratom given by Baron Snoy to Belgian government officials, April 1957.

Note on the Konigswinter Conference concerning discussions on the Rome Treaty and the Free Trade Area, April 1957.

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Record of a conversation between P Gore-Booth and Wormser, of the French Foreign Ministry and head of the economic section of the Quai D'Orsay, about the attitude of the French representatives at the OEEC Working Parties on the Free Trade Area, April 1957.

Note from the Japanese ambassador addressed to the six Messina Governments expressing Japanese disquiet lest the Common Market should result in the creation of a regional economic bloc, April 1957.

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Analysis of the Swiss outlook on the proposals for a European Industrial Free Trade Area, April 1957. Draft brief and papers re the preparation for the Chancellor of the Exchequer's meeting with Monsieur Faure on 6 May 1957 for European harmonisation, includes notes on, 'Known or expected difficulties'.

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Visit by the Secretary of State for the Netherlands, M Van der Beughel to London to talk on the progress of negotiations on the Industrial Free Trade Area and its connection with Euromart.

Draft minutes of the meeting of the Comite Interimaire for the Common Market and Euratom, held at Brussels on 16 & 17 April 1957.

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European economic integration: formation of Common Market and Free Trade Area (Folder 15) comprising sub-files such as:

Discussion with Portugal about Portuguese apprehensions concerning the Treaty of Rome, and about the Free Trade Area, May 1957.

Visit by the President of the Board of Trade, Sir David Eccles, to Lisbon to discuss the Free Trade Area with Dr Salazar, July 1957.

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Draft minutes of meeting at Brussels of the Comite Interimaire for the Common Market and Euratom, 15 May 1957.

Comments from the UK Permanent Delegation in Paris to the Foreign Office, London on the timetable for future negotiations for a Free Trade Area in ES (EI) (57) 143, 22 May 1957.

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Copy of a minute for the Prime Minister concerning the course of the Free Trade Area negotiations in the past week, 28 May 1957.

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Memorandum by the governments of Germany, Belgium, France, Italy, Luxembourg and the Netherlands for submission to GATT, 29 May 1957.

Papers concerning a visit to Rome by the President of the Board of Trade, Sir David Eccles, including report of the meeting with the Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs, Onorevole Pella, to discuss the proposed Free Trade Area, 12 June 1957

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Comments on the differences of income in the various European economic structures and how this will affect the Common Market and Economic Equilibrium, 27 May 1957.

Meeting with Sir Gladwyn Jebb about the European Free Trade Area: others present included: Peter Thorneycroft, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Selwyn Lloyd, Foreign Secretary, Sir David Eccles, President

of the Board of Trade, Nigel Birch, Economic Secretary to the Treasury and David Ormsby-Gore, Minister of State, Foreign Office, 15 July 1957.

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European economic integration: formation of Common Market and Free Trade Area (Folder 20) comprising sub-files such as:

Copy of a note on a meeting between F E Figgures (Treasury), Wormser, and Valery on 19 June 1957, when the general French difficulties were discussed.

Article published by Centre d'Action Euroéenne Fédéraliste (AEF) entitled L'Euratom et Au Marché Commun Européen concerning the conference held in Paris 15-17 March 1957.

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Reports on the Rome Treaties debate in the National Assembly, 6 & 7 July 1957.

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Papers relating to a meeting between the Secretary for State and the French Ambassador on 19 July 1957 about the Free Trade Area.

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Papers prepared by J M Heath, Mutual Aid Department of the Foreign Office, on Portugal and the Free Trade Area for Sir David Eccle's visit to Portugal, July 1957.

Memorandum concerning agriculture presented by the British Government in Brussels at the Comité Interimaire for the Common Market and Euratom, 8 July 1957.

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Report of some Swedish views on the prospects for a Nordic Customs Union in the light of Danish views on the proposed Free Trade Area and the European Economic Community, 22 July 1957.

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Draft papers on the subject of voting in the Free Trade Area, including Probable Attitude of other OEEC Countries, and requesting amendments, August 1957.

Report on the implications for the Atlantic Alliance of possible changes in the structure of Economic Cooperation in Europe, August 1957.

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Report on possible United Kingdom inducements in the Free Trade Area negotiations, 16 August 1957.

BBC monitoring report that the Federal Press Service announced that the Danish attitude to the European Common Market and the Free Trade Area were discussed at Bonn between Danish Foreign Trade Minister, J O Krag and the Federal Ministers, Brentano, Erhard and Luebke, August 1957.

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Draft circular telegram concerning expected increased tariffs on horticultural produce, and the dangers which will arise inside the Free Trade Area, September 1957.
Report by Sir William Palmer's Working Party to the Federation of British Industries (FBI), Association of British Chambers of Commerce (ABCC), and National Union of Manufacturers (NUM) with regard to the European Free Trade Area, 22 August 1957.

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Draft minutes of the meeting of the Interim Committee for the Common Market and Euratom held at Brussels on July 22-24, 1957.

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Brief on the implications of including the following products in the Free Trade Area: human hair; pigs' hogs' and boars' bristles or hair; badger hair and other brush making hair; horsehair; skins and other parts or birds, with their feathers or down; bones and horn cores; horns, antlers, hooves, nails, claws and beaks of animals, etc.

FO 371/128360

European economic integration: formation of Common Market and Free Trade Area (Folder 30) comprising sub-files such as:

Submission covering a luncheon to be given on September 24 in honour of the Austrian delegation of the FTA. Mr Maudling to take the chair.

Reports on a talk with M Schaus, Luxembourg Ambassador in Brussels, about the FTA and Mr Maudling's appointment. 17 September 1957

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Draft reference papers on the EEC and the FTA for the use of information posts abroad. Asks for comments.

Full text of a recent speech by Dr Schaffner, Head of the Division of Commerce in the Federal Department of Public Economy on Switzerland's attitude to European economic integration. 27 September 1957

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First draft of the minutes on the meeting with Austrian officials on 23/24 September 1957 about the European Free Trade Area sent to McKean at the Treasury.

Copy of two notes on a conversation between C M Anderson, Foreign Office, London and M Max Kohnstamm in Luxembourg on the subject of the Common Market, FTA and Euratom. 2 October 1957

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Record of the talks between Mr Reginald Maudling and Italian ministers, Signor Pella and Signor Cattani, in Rome, 5 October 1957.

Full record of the conversations on the FTA which the Paymaster-General had with the Belgians during his recent visit to Brussels. The text of the record was agreed with the Belgians. 11 October 1957

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EEC and FTA Working Party on Agriculture, note by the Treasury, including Duty Free quotas for foodstuffs. 28 October 1957

Request from Lisbon to the Foreign Office for a factual article on British proposals for a European Free Trade Area, emphasizing that Her Majesty's Government is committed to the idea and concentrating on positive aspects of proposals for agriculture. The article is for the Lisbon Journal do Comercio. 24 October 1957.

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Note by the Secretariat concerning the additional protocol to the Convention on social security of migrant workers. 21 October 1957.

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Revised draft on voting in the FTA, including three possible systems of weighted voting, unweighted voting, and majority voting in international organisations, includes tables and statistics, 8 November 1957

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Pan European Union report of the 8th Paneuropean Congress at Bad Ragaz, Switzerland, 24 & 25 September 1957.

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Document on the 'General arguments for use in connection with the claim that all colonial territories should be given the opportunity for AOT (Association of Overseas Territories) Status'.

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Note by the Foreign Office on UK policy on relationships between the six power communities and other international organisations, October 1958.

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Posts and telecommunications in Europe comprising sub-files such as:
Draft note of a meeting on February 19, 1958; report of the Frankfurt meeting in February 1957, and a copy of the financial resolution.
Invitation to the UK to attend as observers at the next meeting of the Working Party. The Working Party referred to started as one of the Spaak Working Parties in Brussels looking forward to the establishment of the Common Market. The Swiss also accepted an invitation to attend as an observer. Although described as observers both the UK and Switzerland have taken full part in the meetings.

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Possible breakdown of the FTA includes negotiations, action thereafter, and 'political' settlement, October 1958.

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French press reports.
Copy of a letter to G W Kirk of the British Embassy at the Hague stating that the talks for a Benelux-bilateral Agreement should be put off until the end of January, November 1958.

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Paper on the 'mitigation' of the effects of the association of the overseas territories of the Six with their metropolitan territories for the meeting of the Commonwealth officials, 17 March 1959.

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Treaty of Rome and GATT. Consultations with the Six re commodities of interest to British dependent territories overseas.
Report entitled, 'Bulletin de la Banque Centrale du Congo Belge et Du Ruanda-Urundi (February 1959)', containing an article dealing with the likely effects of the Common Market on the trade of the overseas territories of the Six. The commodities discussed in this article include: bananas, vegetable oils, tropical woods, rubber, cotton, rice, maize, tea, cocoa and coffee.

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Economic events of Treaty of Rome and European Community (Folder 4) comprising sub-files such as:
Article XXII Consultations under the Treaty of Rome: request by Australia for a Consultation with Member States of the EEC on lead, zinc and aluminium, 16 October 1959.
Mitigation GATT. Conversation between J W Vernon and Dr Priester of the Dominican Republic about 'mitigation' and the events during the Fourteenth Session in Geneva, such as work done by the Americans behind the scenes, June 1959.

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Economic events of Treaty of Rome and European Community (Folder 5) comprising sub-files such as:
Decision to recommend a Free Trade Area among the seven countries represented at the Conference in Stockholm, July 20-21. Information for GATT secretariat, September 1959.
Mitigation of European Economic Community Tariffs for Colonies: proposal of a meeting with European

Economic Commission includes a letter from Dr van der Lee, (Director of the European Economic Commission, Brussels) to W B L Monson (Under-Secretary, Colonial Office, London), August 1959.

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Economic unity in Europe comprising sub-files such as:
European Free Trade Association Common Market: talk with M Schippenkoeter about the new 'Dillon Committee', December 1959.
Mr Maudling's analysis of the position reached on the problem of European economic relations: Minute by Mr Maudling to the Prime Minister, 27 November 1959.

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Note of a meeting with M Eldrich Haynes: attitude of US business to build a bridge between the Common Market & European Free Trade Association, December 1959.
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Attachés submission: proposal by the Belgian Foreign Minister for Anglo/French discussions & adjournment of the OEEC Ministerial Council, January 1959.

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Long term negotiations on the Free Trade Area: conversation between P J Gore-Booth and M Wormser at the Quai d'Orsay, on the 17 January 1959.
FTA. Note from the Paymaster General's Office recording a conversation with M Odevall of the Swedish Embassy concerning bilateral talks with the French, 23 January 1959.

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FTA. Document from Sir Gladwyn Jebb (British Embassy, Paris) to Harold Macmillan, MP suggesting that we should make a quick bargain with the French over the quota problem, 20 January 1959.
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Record of a conversation between Mr C M MacLehose and Mr Grant-Crofton (SMMT) on the French market for British cars and car parts, February 1959.
Telegram from Paris to the Foreign Office, London re: Anglo-French quota negotiations which took place on 13 March 1959.

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Conversation with M Bartels about his visit to Copenhagen with M Wormser re French attitude to EFTA, 'He (M Bartels) thought it had done M Wormser good to experience the impact of a strange Nordic country and to see that there were other people in Europe besides the French who had views and knew how to express themselves'.
Briefs for Paris: November 11 & 12, 1959: Relations with Europe, includes a Memorandum by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

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Attitude of EEC to EFTA (Folder 1) comprising sub-files such as:
The FTA: views of the Six on agreements with a) the UK, and b) the other members of the eleven, February 1959.
Minutes of a meeting held in Gwydyr House with the Paymaster General and Professor Hallstein, and others, on the FTA, 16 February 1959.

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Attitude of EEC to EFTA (Folder 2) comprising sub-files such as:
Report by the European Commission on a European Economic Association, March 1959. Attached Note reads, 'The attached copy of [the report] has been obtained by confidential means. The fact that we have acquired it must not be disclosed, as it is important to safeguard the source', 5 March 1959, UK Delegation to OEEC, Paris.
Common Market and the FTA: summary of an article in the annual report of the Hamburg Chamber of Commerce for 1958 with a report of an interview with the Deputy Mayor, Herr Engelhard, March 1958.

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Attitude of EEC to EFTA (Folder 3) comprising sub-files such as:
FTA: includes the conclusions of the meeting of the Council of Ministers of the EEC on 16 March 1959, and the position taken by the member governments on the report of the European Commission.
Note recording a meeting between Hugh Ellis-Rees, M Jacques Rueff, M Sargent and Mr John McCarthy about the problem of getting an agreement among the seventeen on a Free Trade Area, and what that implied for the future of European co-operation, 20 April 1959.

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Attitude of EEC to EFTA (Folder 4) comprising sub-files such as:
Recent events in Rome connected with the Common Market and the FTA. Lecture given by Professor Ludwig Erhard, the West German Minister of Economy, under the auspices of the Centro Italiano per la Riconciliazione Internazionale (March 23). Onorevole Malvestiti, the Vice-President of the European Commission also spoke on this subject: the main theme of his lecture was that free trade was an impossible ideal (April 3).
Common Market and FTA. Proposal by Signor Pella for a talk to restart negotiations between the eleven, 9 May 1959.

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Attitude of EEC to EFTA (Folder 5) comprising sub-files such as:
A conversation between Sir G Jebb, Paris, and M Wormser about the attitude of the Six, in particular the French attitude, towards a Free Trade Area, 13 May 1959.
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A second meeting of the Special Committee of the EEC to consider a European Economics Association, Brussels, 20 May 1959.

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Greek application to accede to Treaty of Rome, June 1959.

Great Britain and the European Market: address by Mr P F D Tennant, to the AGM of the Foreign Trade Association of West German Retailers, 19 June 1959.

Record of a conversation between the Prime Minister and Mr H C Hansen, Prime Minister of Denmark, at No 10 Downing Street where discussions included: the Outer Seven Free Trade Area, 12 June 1959.

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Greece and the Common Market: discussions with M Economou-Gouras, Director-General of the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs, when it was disclosed that Greece had decided to apply to the signatories of the Treaty of Rome for their agreement to accept Greece into the Common Market, August 1959.

Common Market and the FTA: press cutting from the 'New York Herald Tribune' about Britain's attitude to European integration, 10 August 1959.

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Memorandum on developments and press comments on Common Market and Free Trade Area Matters in the Federal Republic of Germany, 14 September to 3 October 1959.

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Report on Free Trade Area: Common Market developments in the Federal Republic of Germany, 4-24 October 1959.

The Common Market and the Free Trade Association: suggestions for the line to be taken by Dr Adenauer over the question of the Six and the Seven, November 1959.

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North America and European Economic Integration: address given by Professor Dr Walter Hallstein, President of the Commission of the European Community, for the Conference of NATO Parliamentarians in Washington, 18 November 1959.

Briefs for Mr Spaak's visit on 5 November, 1959, entitled 'Problems of Europe - Economic, the Six and the Seven', prepared in consultation with the Treasury and the Board of Trade.

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Report of a meeting at Kongresshaus, Zurich where Dr Ludwig Erhard, Minister for Economic Affairs for the Federal Republic of Germany, and M Jacques Rueff, economic advisor to General de Gaulle, were invited by the Swiss Institute for Foreign Affairs to speak on the post-war economic development of their respective countries, 23 November 1959.

Press report on separate statements made by Professor Hallstein and Professor Erhardt at the Bundestag about the bridge between the EEC and the EFTA, December 1959.

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Attitude of EEC to EFTA (Folder 13) comprising sub-files such as:

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A joint minute by the Economic Relations Department and the European Economic Organisation Department about 'Six-Seven Relations: Possibility of Progress 1960-1961', December 1959.

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Attitude of various countries towards EFTA (Folder 1) comprising sub-files such as:
Report of a conversation in which Tomicich spoke about Austrian public opinion on how the Eleven ought to proceed, 9 January 1959.

Views on Yugoslavia's position vis-à-vis the OEEC and the FTA. A letter from the British Embassy, Belgrade to the Foreign Office, London Correspondence states, 'For the Yugoslavs, realism consists at the moment of doing their best to counter any threat to their trading position with either the Common Market or an eventual Free Trade Area may constitute'. 24 January 1959.

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Swedish attitude to the FTA: speech by Mr Marcus Wallenberg, Vice-Chairman of Enskilda Bank, Stockholm, 5 March 1959.

FTA: summary of the chief points of a speech by Dr Bock, the Austrian Minister of Trade, to the Austrian Industrialists' Union on trade policy, with comments by Mr C G Harris and a free translation of extracts of the speech.

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British Embassy, Lisbon: note of a conversation with Guerra re Portuguese, Norwegian and Swedish views on the FTA, 3 April 1959.

Danish views on the FTA: extracts from a translation of an article by the Danish Foreign Minister, JO Krag, in the March issue of 'Fremtiden', 1959.

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US attitude to the Common Market and FTA situation: conversation with M Dillon and the Minister of Transport, June 1959.

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German and Danish attitude to FTA: visit by Danish ministers to Bonn, June 1959.

Forthcoming meeting of the American Management Association on the subject of evolving trade patterns in Europe: suggestion that a representative of OEEC should speak about a closer association between the Six and the Seven, July 1959.

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German press comments on the FTA and the Seven: interview of Professor Erhard with Associated Press, July 1959.

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EFTA and Japanese reactions: note by H Vere Redman recording his impressions derived from conversations with Japanese economic journalists and businessmen, November 1959.

EFTA: paper for the State Department: a draft copy amended following discussion in the ES (EI) Committee of November 24, December 1959.

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Fortnightly reports on the European Communities: the European Economic Community, for the period 16 December 1958 to 14 February 1959.

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Report on a visit to Brazzaville and Leopoldville in the Belgian Congo by a delegation of the Working Party for the Overseas Countries and Territories of the EEC, February 1959.
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Common Market. Progress of the Six in putting the Treaty of Rome into effect: requests lists of points of current interest, March 1959.
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Professor Hallstein stated in Washington that the three communities were considering the desirability of appointing a common representative to the United States Government, June 1959.
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Formal relations with the EEC: the European Commission have agreed to the UK proposal, September 1959.
Formal relations with the EEC: the question is considered as to whether Mr Tandy, once the EEC has approved his appointment as the UK representative, should move to Brussels from Luxembourg.
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European University: Working Party set up by the Council of Ministers, under the chairmanship of

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