



Mr. Whitby ^{tel 16 vi}
to the same.

PRIME MINISTER

MONSIEUR JEAN-FRANCOIS DENIAU

NOB AM, to whom Lord
Soames conveyed all his
orally yesterday. See

Monsieur Jean-Francois Deniau rang me from Paris yesterday evening to say that Monsieur Francois-Poncet had already spoken to the Foreign Secretary of the French Government's desire that Madame Simone Weil should be elected as President of the European Assembly. President Giscard has told Monsieur Deniau to ring me to ask if I would tell you of his desire that the Conservative Group should support the good lady. I replied that I would be seeing you the next day; but one thing I wanted to say to him was that I had noticed that the question of National Contributions to the Community Budget was not on the Agenda for the European Council. He said he would speak to Giscard. ^{16/6}

He rang me again this morning and said that a discussion on contributions was due to take place on the Friday of the Council. Giscard saw this as a discussion on how the matter should be proceeded with; with a view to it being resolved at the Dublin European Council.

I am copying this to the Foreign Secretary.

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