OECD MEETING ON SERVICES IN RURAL AREAS
(Paris - Cholet, 9th-11th October 1990)

A three-day meeting on services in rural areas is to be held at the
OECD’s Paris headquarters and at Cholet in Western France, at the
invitation of the French Government, starting on 9th October.

Part of the OECD’s programme on rural development issues, the
conference will be attended by delegates from 20 OECD Member countries.
Its principal aim is the exchange of views on new strategies relating to
the provision of services in rural areas. Discussions will focus on two
main aspects: the kinds of services residents and businesses expect, and
new ways of managing services in rural areas. These questions will also be
reviewed during a field tour in the Cholet area on 10th October.

In the course of the first day, a session at the French Senate will
hear a presentation of the initial conclusions reached by a Senate
Committee on rural development from the Committee’s chairman, former
minister Jean François-Poncet.

The OECD conference is not open to the press, but further information
can be obtained from Mr. Christian Huillet, OECD, 2 rue André Pascal,
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