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PRIME MINISTER

Party Election Broadcast

I gather you have agreed to do the last few minutes of this P.E.B.. The question is: where and when? The alternatives are as follows:

- (i) This coming Friday, 1 June. The disadvantages for this are that you have your European Youth Rally speech to complete and a short meeting at 4 o'clock when you will greet the European democratic students' Eurobus outside No. 10 and a possible visit to Aquascutum which has not yet been confirmed.
- (ii) Saturday afternoon when you return from Birmingham or any time on Sunday which you will remember is the day that you are going to collect all your things to move.

I spoke to Gordon this morning and it seems to me that Saturday would be the best time to do it. They have requested that it should be done here at No. 10. There is a slight problem about making Party Political Broadcasts at No. 10 but I gather that these can be overcome. The alternative would be to go to Saatchi's.

*J.S.*

*Will not do  
an election party political  
That for No. 10.  
won't do for me if  
I have to do it.  
L.P.S. in  
the night  
broadcast.*

30 May 1979



10 DOWNING STREET

Prime Minister,

As this is your first broadcast since you took office, perhaps a minute and a half is a little on the short side. So this is slightly longer.

I spoke to Tim Bell about it and he said their work (which I think is excellent) can be trimmed to fit, if necessary.

RM  
30.5.79

*This is not a supit  
for me - I just  
couldn't say some of  
them though and others  
often no good reason  
for what  
co-ventured  
P.T.O.*



10 DOWNING STREET

Myself as well as she  
wonder up- F.S. or L.P.S  
in Douglas - but either I have  
to write a whole new approach  
which I haven't time to do -  
or someone else does this

Prime Minister,

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Since we came into Government a month ago, we have begun to tackle many problems which had been lying around neglected. One of the most important is Britain's attitude to the European community.

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Europe has always drawn the British people in a mild sort of way, from the modern holiday abroad right back to the days of the Grand Tour, when Boswell went to gaze at the sights and found himself gazing at the women.

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He came home, as we who came after him have come home, souvenirs in our pockets and <sup>with</sup> memories of a continent full of foreigners.

No.  
- to stay in  
There was no  
ref. - to go in.

It's different now. We're all Europeans now. We voted 2:1 in the Referendum to become full partners in the Community.

How do we feel about Europe today? Let's be frank. Since the Referendum the British pulse has stubbornly declined to race.

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Why is this? There are, I think, <sup>main</sup> two reasons. First because, before we had quite got used to losing an Empire we liked, we found that we had joined a continent we'd never entirely understood.

Maybe they did in moderation! That's what this is no wonder idea!

And second, because the recent Labour Government has never been other than lukewarm about the European idea. They dipped a tentative toe in the water. They paddled a little. But swim? No, they wouldn't swim.

What new enterprise, what high endeavour ever succeeded half-heartedly, with a team without vision or purpose?

Would have to be a link

The Conservative Party in Europe will be no soft touch. We are not staryeyed romantics: there is much to be worked for, much to be changed. To begin with, the cost of membership must be fairly shared. That is an absolute essential.

But the difference between us and Labour is that we shall work as genuine friends and partners to build and strengthen the Community, not, like many Labour candidates, as a Trojan Horse secretly moving to destroy it.

Let us look outward, as our fathers did, beyond the parish pump to the broad horizons. Let's lift our eyes, if not to the stars, at least to the hills.

The European Community is not just about the type of hop to be used in beer, or whether cane or beet makes the best sugar. It's about these things, yes. But over and above them all it's about peace - peace between nations that have made war on each other for centuries, and have at last joined hands.

It is in this spirit that I ask you to elect a Conservative team for Europe on Thursday, to work with the Conservative Government here in Westminster.

We have made a fresh start in Britain. Let us make a fresh start in a free Europe - together.