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DRAFT PASSAGE FOR INCLUSION IN EUROPEAN YOUTH RALLY SPEECH

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We have no narrow vision of Europe.

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, You, the new generation of Europeans, are deeply conscious of the unity of the European culture which you inherit.

You know, better than anyone, that the European idea - and the European ideal - transcend the political barriers which divide our continent.

None of you who have heard a Russian orchestra play Bach or Mozart: or the Berlin Philharmonic perform Tchaikowsky -

None of you who saw the Soviet film of Hamlet: or have seen an English production of Chekhov -

None of you who have directly experienced the breadth of Europe's cultural horizon -

can doubt the prominence or the richness of Europe as a cultural expression.

So what divides Europe?

What has created a distinction between Western Europe and Eastern Europe, a distinction which has no meaning in cultural terms?

But it does -
culture too requires
freedom - that is
why so little new
has come out of us
withy hatreds
in the world 60 years

/ We do not

We do not think of Chopin, Dvorak or Bartok as "East Europeans": nor do Poles, Czechoslovaks or Hungarians think of Beethoven, Verdi or Ravel as "West Europeans".

During the past 30 years, three things have divided Europe:

First, the relentless build-up of Soviet military power, both in the Soviet Union itself and in parts of Eastern Europe.

Whether this has been due to fear or suspicion, to the habits instilled by a troubled history, or to a more disturbing purpose - the fact is that the Soviet Union confronts us with a military capacity over and beyond the requirements of self-defence.

This heightens the division of our continent and obliges Western Europe to answer strength with strength.

We shall never allow weakness in the West to create a temptation to rash action.

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Second, we are divided by the pursuit - or encouragement -
by the Soviet Union of activities which
threaten or harm Western interests outside
Europe itself: the activities of Cubans and
East Germans in Southern Africa and the Middle
East, and of the Vietnamese in South East Asia,
cannot but cast doubt on the depth of the
Soviet commitment to detente as a continuing
global process.

Third, and perhaps most important of all - we in Europe
are divided by the differing concepts of
human rights which prevail in the Western
and Eastern halves of our continent.

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For so long as men and women are persecuted or imprisoned for their political beliefs - for daring to assert the right of every individual to dispute the official orthodoxy:

for so long as people are denied the right to worship as they wish, freely and openly:

for so long as religion is relegated to the status of an eccentricity or a tourist attraction:

for so long as constraints are imposed on where people may go, what they may read and what they may say:

for so long as dissent - the inborn right of every human being and the cherished legacy of our European individualism - is equated with treason or betrayal,

the European idea, and the European values which live in our common culture, will never be secure.

We in Western Europe - above all we in the European Community, as we embark on these elections as a triumphant assertion of the individual's freedom of choice - have two duties to perform if we are to remain true to the wider European ideal:

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First, we must ensure that the values which we urge upon others are fully upheld and protected within our own societies.

We must cherish the health of our democratic institutions, strengthen their dedication to justice and humanity.

Second, backed by the strength and the appeal of the example we set, we must be fearless and outspoken in our championship of individual human rights throughout the world.

We shall not provoke.

But we shall clearly assert that for so long as any European - and I use the term in its widest sense - is denied the right freely to develop his personality, his intellect or his creativity, there can be no true detente in Europe.

It is, nevertheless, towards that true detente, in an undivided Europe, to which our undivided European culture points the way, that we in the UK and in the European Community will continue to strive.