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TELEGRAM NUMBER 154 OF 30 JUNE

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EUROPEAN COUNCIL LUXEMBOURG 29 AND 30 JUNE 1981

SEAT OF THE INSTITUTIONS

1. MME FLESCH (LUXEMBOURG) RAISED THIS AGAIN WITH FOREIGN MINISTER OVER DINNER LAST NIGHT, CIRCULATING A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT VERSION OF THE TEXT DISCUSSED LAST WEEK (LUXEMBOURG TELNO 126). YOU SAID THAT PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD LOOK AT THE DRAFT. COREPER AGREED THIS MORNING ON A TEXT FOR SUBMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL, WITH THE RECOMMENDATION THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE PUBLISHED. THE TEXT WAS APPROVED WITH ONLY MINOR AMENDMENTS BY THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL (TEXT IN MIFT).

2. IT WAS AGREED IN COREPER THAT IF PROBLEMS ARISE FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL DISCUSS THE MATTER FURTHER. SIR M BUTLER SAID THAT IT WAS OUR INTENTION, IF THE PARLIAMENT PASSED A RESOLUTION ON 7 JULY, TO SAY THAT THE PRESIDENCY WOULD REPORT ITS VIEWS TO MEMBER GOVERNMENTS. THE MATTER WOULD THEREFORE PROBABLY REQUIRE SOME DISCUSSION IN THE MARGIN OF THE 13/14 JULY, FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL.

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EUROPEAN COUNCIL LUXEMBOURG 29 AND 30 JUNE:
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1. FOLLOWING IS CONFIDENTIAL TEXT AGREED BY EUROPEAN COUNCIL:

1. THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES NOTE THAT,
UNDER ARTICLE 216 OF THE TREATY, RESPONSIBILITY FOR
DETERMINING THE SEAT OF THE INSTITUTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY
FALLS WITHIN THEIR EXCLUSIVE COMPETENCE.

2. THE DECISION TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES,
AT THEIR MEETING IN MAASTRICHT ON 23 AND 24 MARCH 1981, TO
MAINTAIN THE STATUS QUO AS REGARDS THE PROVISIONAL PLACES OF
WORK OF THE INSTITUTIONS, FALLS WITHIN THE EXERCISE OF THAT
COMPETENCE. IT IS WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE DETERMINATION OF
THE SEAT OF THE INSTITUTIONS.

3. THE DECISION WILL BE SET DOWN IN THE OFFICIAL RECORD OF
THE CONFERENCE OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF
THE MEMBER STATES.

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