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From the Private Secretary

13 November 1981

Dear Francis,

PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

The Prime Minister has seen your letter to me of 10 November. She considers that the line you are at present taking with the press is a little on the cold side. She would prefer it if the line taken were as follows:

"Although the election of the President of the European Parliament is an internal affair for the Parliament, the British Government would welcome the election of a British candidate. This would be a suitable recognition of the major contribution British MEPs have made to the workings of the institution."

Yours ever

Michael Alexander

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