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Nothing relevant.

Dear Prime Minister,

Senator Guiseppe Petrilli, President of the International European Movement and of the Italian Council of the Movement, and Mr. Basil de Ferranti MEP., Chairman of the British Council of the European Movement, have asked me to send you the following message in advance of the meeting of the European Council, due to take place this week:

"The Italian and British Councils of the European Movement, which met in London on 20 November, have expressed their concern at the emergence of difficulties during the preparations for the next meeting of the European Council. The gravity of the economic crisis and the international tensions make it indispensable for the European Community to take vigorous action.

To this end, it is essential that the forthcoming negotiations should look beyond purely budgetary considerations. After all, even technical problems are likely to be resolved if progress is made towards further political and economic European integration by the adoption of bold initiatives capable of meeting the dangers which face us and which respond to the legitimate expectations of the European peoples."

Yours sincerely,

Ernest Wistrich  
Director

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