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Dear Michael,

Further to my letter of 11 December and our conversation this morning, I attach the original published list of the European Reform Group and its prospectus, and the text of the relevant exchanges in the House of Commons on 3 December. Annual elections for the Officers of the Tory backbench European Affairs Committee were held on 8 December. As a result the make-up is distinctly less markedly European and more ambiguous. It is as follows:

Chairman	: Mr George Gardiner
Vice Presidents	: Mr Ray Whitney and Mr Peter Lloyd (ERG)
Secretary	: Mr Richard Shepherd (ERG)

Yours ever,
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Conservative European Reform Group

It has been agreed to form a group in Parliament which will consist of Conservative members who support the following statement:

"We believe in the urgent need for fundamental reform of the Common Market in the interest of securing genuine European co-operation based on the partnership of nation-states. It is our belief that the present structure of the EEC is damaging to the interests of the UK and that this situation will persist until substantial and fundamental changes are made either in the basic structure of the Common Market or else in the relationship that Britain has with the Community. With the Community reaching the limits of its financial resources and approaching its imminent enlargement this is clearly the right opportunity to secure the necessary change. In particular we believe that there is an urgent need to adopt policies directed to:

- A) The ending of the C.A.P. and the restoration to national governments of control over agriculture policy.
- B) The reform of the system of financing the Community budget to take account of the ending of the C.A.P. and to ensure that no member state has to carry an unfair share of expenditure as Britain has done since joining the EEC.
- C) The restoration to each member state of the right to take action on unfair trading practices, such as dumping, by third countries.
- D) The reassertion of the power of national Parliaments over the institutions of the Community.

Members of the Conservative European Reform Group

Jonathan Aitken
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