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MIPT: EUROPEAN COUNCIL: MESSAGE TO EC HEADS OF GOVERNMENT

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO EC HEADS OF GOVERNMENT.

BEGINS:

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT OF THE MEMBER STATES AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMISSION

I LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO LONDON FOR THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL ON 5-6 DECEMBER.

AFTER LUNCHING WITH HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE, I SUGGEST THAT IN THE FIRST SESSION OF OUR MEETING, RATHER THAN HAVING A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SITUATION, WE MIGHT SEEK TO CONCENTRATE ON SOME SPECIFIC THEMES RELATING TO THE ECONOMY, BUSINESS AND JOBS, WHICH ARE OF CONCERN IN ALL OUR COUNTRIES.

I ENCLOSE A PRESIDENCY PAPER AS A BASIS FOR OUR DISCUSSION. I HOPE THAT YOU WILL NOT FEEL OBLIGED TO COMMENT ON ALL POINTS IN IT, BUT WILL CONCENTRATE ON THOSE ISSUES WHICH ARE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO YOU.

I HOPE WE CAN DEVOTE PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO:

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(A) EMPLOYMENT AND JOB CREATION, ON THE BASIS OF THE IDEAS BEING DISCUSSED BY OUR EMPLOYMENT MINISTERS. SMALL BUSINESSES HAVE AN ESSENTIAL ROLE TO PLAY IN THE CREATION OF NEW JOBS AND WE SHALL WANT TO TAKE NOTE OF THE COMMISSION'S RECENT PROPOSALS AND GIVE AN IMPETUS TO FURTHER DECISIONS.

(B) WE MUST REVIEW PROGRESS ON THE INTERNAL MARKET, INCLUDING AIR, SEA AND INLAND TRANSPORT, AND DECIDE WHAT FURTHER STEPS WE NEED TO TAKE TO ENSURE THAT WE ACHIEVE THE 1992 TARGET AGREED IN THE SINGLE EUROPEAN ACT.

AS A SECOND MAJOR THEME, I SUGGEST THAT WE SHOULD DISCUSS THE RELATED PROBLEMS OF FRONTIER CONTROLS, TERRORISM, IMMIGRATION AND DRUGS. IF WE ARE TO PROMOTE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT WITHIN THE COMMUNITY, WE MUST INTENSIFY OUR COOPERATION IN THESE AREAS, AS WE AGREED WHEN WE NEGOTIATED THE SINGLE EUROPEAN ACT. THERE HAS BEEN GOOD PROGRESS IN DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN OUR INTERIOR MINISTERS. WE SHOULD AIM TO ENCOURAGE THAT WORK AND ADOPT A CONCERTED APPROACH TO THESE PROBLEMS WHICH ARE OF SERIOUS PUBLIC CONCERN. A DISCUSSION PAPER ON THESE ISSUES IS ENCLOSED. (BONN ONLY.)

PLEASE ADD:

BEGIN:

IT REFLECTS THE CONCERNS WHICH YOU RAISED IN YOUR LETTER TO ME OF 20 NOVEMBER. END.

WE SHOULD REVIEW PROGRESS IN OTHER AREAS WHERE WE ARE TRYING TO CREATE A COMMUNITY WHICH MEETS THE NEEDS OF ORDINARY PEOPLE. FOLLOWING THE INITIATIVE WE TOOK AT THE MILAN EUROPEAN COUNCIL I PROPOSE THAT WE DECIDE ON A EUROPEAN CANCER INFORMATION YEAR, WITH THE AIM OF DEVELOPING A SUSTAINED AND CONCERTED INFORMATION CAMPAIGN IN ALL THE MEMBER STATES ON THE PREVENTION, EARLY WARNING AND TREATMENT OF CANCER. I ALSO THINK WE SHOULD DISCUSS THE BIGGEST POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM ANY OF US HAS HAD TO FACE, NAMELY AIDS. OUR HEALTH MINISTERS HAVE ADOPTED A RESOLUTION ON COOPERATION AGAINST AIDS. I PROPOSE THAT WE SHOULD AGREE ON A COMMUNITY-WIDE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AS PART OF A CONCERTED CAMPAIGN TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF AIDS.

I HAVE ASKED JACQUES DELORS OVER DINNER TO TELL US ABOUT THE COMMISSION'S PLANS AND TIMETABLE FOR PRESENTING THE EX-NOVO

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REVIEW OF COMMUNITY FINANCES. IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL TO SEEK TO UNDERTAKE THE WORK OF AGRICULTURE MINISTERS. WE SHOULD UNDERLINE THE NEED FOR THE AGRICULTURE COUNCIL TO TAKE THE NECESSARY DECISIONS IN THE MILK AND BEEF SECTORS.

WE SHALL ALSO WANT DISCUSS RECENT IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS IN EAST/WEST RELATIONS. I WILL BE READY TO GIVE MY OWN IMPRESSIONS AFTER MY RECENT MEETING WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN. OTHER POLITICAL COOPERATION SUBJECTS CAN BE RAISED AT OUR DINNER, BUT I HOPE THAT MOST FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES CAN BE DEALT WITH BY FOREIGN MINISTERS.

ON SATURDAY MORNING, I HOPE THAT WE CAN REACH POSITIVE CONCLUSIONS ON THE SUBJECTS I HAVE MENTIONED. OUR MEETING WILL CONCLUDE WITH A LUNCHEON AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH II CONFERENCE CENTRE ON THE SECOND DAY.

I LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU HERE NEXT WEEK.

WITH BEST WISHES.

MARGARET THATCHER

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