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MIPT : MILAN EUROPEAN COUNCIL MESSAGE FROM SIGNOR CRAXI
1. FOLLOWING IS REPLY FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO
SIGNOR CRAXI WHICH I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD DELIVER.
BEGINS:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF 24 MAY ABOUT OUR DISCUSSIONS IN
MILAN AT THE END OF JUNE.

LIKE YOU, I HOPE THAT WE CAN MAKE SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS
TOWARDS THE COMPLETION OF THE COMMON MARKET ON THE BASIS OF A
SPECIFIC TIMETABLE. THIS, TOGETHER WITH THE WORK WE INITIATED AT
OUR LAST MEETING ON LIFTING THE ADMINISTRATIVE BURDENS ON
EUROPEAN BUSINESSES, COULD MAKE A REAL IMPACT ON THE CREATION OF
JOBS.

I LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSING THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE
COMMUNITY. GEOFFREY HOWE WILL HAVE SOME SPECIFIC IDEAS TO PUT
FORWARD AT THE STRESA MEETING. AS I MENTIONED TO YOU WHEN WE MET
IN BONN IN MAY, I AM CONVINCED THAT THE MILAN EUROPEAN COUNCIL
CAN MARK A REAL STEP FORWARD IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMUNITY.
IT REMAINS MY VIEW THAT THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT THEMSELVES MUST
TAKE DECISIONS, AND GIVE CLEAR DIRECTIONS AT THE MILAN EUROPEAN
COUNCIL ON THE COMPLETION OF THE COMMON MARKET, THE DEVELOPMENT
OF POLITICAL COOPERATION AND IMPROVED DECISION TAKING. IF
DETAILED WORK NEEDS TO BE DONE TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE AGREEMENTS
REACHED AT MILAN, THAT SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE APPROPRIATE HIGH
LEVEL GROUPS TO ENABLE FURTHER DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN OR
AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO AT THE DECEMBER EUROPEAN COUNCIL. IF WE
CAN PROCEED IN THIS WAY I AM CONVINCED WE CAN ACHIEVE A

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SUCCESSFUL AND POSITIVE OUTCOME AT MILAN.

I AM VERY PLEASED THAT THE SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE PRIME
MINISTERS WILL BE JOINING US AT THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL. I AM SORRY
THAT I CANNOT BE AT THE SIGNATURE CEREMONIES ON 12 JUNE BECAUSE
OF THE COINCIDENCE WITH THE STATE VISIT TO THE UNITED KINGDOM OF
THE PRESIDENT OF MEXICO.

WITH BEST WISHES.

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