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BONN TELNO 503 OF 23 JUNE: M THORN'S REACTION TO M BARRE'S SPEECH
ON ENLARGEMENT OF EC

1. M Thorn spoke to me on 22 June about Barre's speech. He noted that Barre had repeated the concept of a Community menu à la carte in asking rhetorically if it was still necessary for all the member states to do everything at the same time and in the same way. Thorn said that he regarded this as a profoundly dangerous siren song. Some people might find it superficially attractive. But if that path were to be followed, it would mean the end of the Community. We would all go our own ways. But of one thing we could be certain. We might finish up with a Community of different levels. But the French and the Germans would make sure they were at the top table, wherever anyone else sat. The Community would more than ever become a Franco/German directory with the smaller members picking up the crumbs if they were lucky.

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