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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Chris,

You were very kind to write expressing your support. At times like this it is so good to hear from friends and I really did appreciate all you said.

With all good wishes,

Yours,

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Dear Prime Minister,

Last Saturday I was at the North West Women's Conference, and I opened up by saying that I felt it was a good thing for the country that the debate had begun about where we were going in Europe, because there were two clear choices - between a Europe of Nations benefiting from a single free market, or a federal Europe with a single currency, a single Budget, a single Treasury, and an emasculated House of Commons which had given up its control of taxation. This choice had been papered over for too long, and unless it was decided which path to take we would slide into a European super-state without the British people ever having been consulted. The 1975 Government Referendum leaflet clearly pointed to a Europe of Nations and dismissed the "threat" of EMU. Maybe it is best to resolve the differences in our Party by another Referendum, but to have left things drift as they were going would have meant



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that one side - the federalist side - in our Party would have inevitably had its way.

The ladies responded positively to the general approach that this was a positive development since it crystallised a critical national question. I also have to tell you that as I went round the tables afterwards they were all tremendously supportive of yourself. Let the people choose - seems to me to be an excellent Conservative theme that it would be very hard for the most stony-eyed European federalist to oppose.

Finally, the political world can be very hurtful partly because Members of Parliament are often motivated by bitterness, thwarted ambition, and jealousy. The public we well able to see this, as they have long rumbled a former Prime Minister. The important thing is to keep on doing what is right. So, don't be frightened by the fireworks & just be yourself, trusting to your instincts.

Every good cheer from Wanganui South,

Yours ever,
Chris Butler