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PRIME MINISTER

Kenneth Baker rang me from Strasbourg. He has been asked by the press about the European Democracy Fund, which you will remember is an idea of the EDG to give aid to emerging political parties in Eastern Europe (a sort of Political Know-how fund). It is still being blocked in the Parliament by the Socialists.

Kenneth Baker said he strongly supported the idea of the fund. He believes it is a good issue for us as it will show up the Socialists who are likely to vote it down again when it comes up for debate. He wanted you to be aware of this.

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