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THE PRIME MINISTER

1 May 1984

PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
SERIAL No. T 68/84

Dear Prime Minister,

Thank you for your letter of 5 April, delivered by your Ambassador on 16 April, about the nomination of Mr. Henning Christophersen to the post of President of the next Commission.

The Presidency of the Commission is a vital post and I agree with you that we need an outstanding person for it. I take note of Mr. Christophersen's candidature, which you may be sure my colleagues and I will consider seriously when we come to take a view on the best candidate for the post.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Mr. Poul Schlüter.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

27 April, 1984

*John John*

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Presidency of the European Commission: Danish Candidacy

David Williamson copied to you his minute of 16 April reporting a call on him by the Danish Ambassador to hand over a letter for the Prime Minister from the Danish Prime Minister seeking support for the candidature of Mr Henning Christophersen as President of the next European Commission.

The Prime Minister may wish to reply to Mr Schlüter in friendly but non-committal terms. I enclose a draft. If you would let me have the signed top copy of the letter we will arrange for it to be delivered by HM Ambassador in Copenhagen.

I am sending a copy to David Peretz and Richard Hatfield.

*You are*  
*R B Bone*

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Prime Minister of Denmark

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.....In Confidence

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*From the Private Secretary*

1 May 1984

*Dear Roger,*

Thank you for your letter of 27 April with which you enclosed a draft reply to the letter from the Prime Minister of Denmark about the nomination of Mr. Henning Christophersen to the post of President of the European Commission.

The Prime Minister signed the letter as drafted and I enclose the top copy for transmission to Mr. Schlüter by HM Ambassador.

*Yours sincerely,  
Timothy Flesher*

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R.B. Bone, Esq.,  
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