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FROM UKREP BRUSSELS

OUR TELNO 108 OF 12 SEPTEMBER

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND UK REFUNDS

1. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE PARLIAMENT, COT, DULY MADE HIS STATEMENT ABOUT THE REFUNDS IN PLENARY ON 13 SEPTEMBER. HE SAID THE PARLIAMENT IN THE THREE DIFFICULT MONTHS AHEAD WOULD OPERATE ON THE BASIS OF FIRMNESS, RESPONSIBILITY AND A SENSE OF PRIORITIES. IT HAD NO WISH TO "HARASS" THE OTHER INSTITUTIONS USELESSLY. THE BUDGET COMMITTEE HAD TAKEN NOTE OF THE EVOLUTION OF DISCUSSIONS ON FINANCING AND THE POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS. IT HAD NO WISH IN ANY WAY TO BLOCK THINGS AND HOPED THAT FOR THE NEXT SESSION IT WOULD BE PRESENTED WITH A DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET AND A NEW REQUEST FOR A TRANSFER. HE ENDED BY SAYING "I AM CONFIDENT THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO AUTHORISE THE UNBLOCKING OF THE MEASURES FOR THE UK AND THE FRG ON THAT BASIS, WHICH WOULD NOT OF COURSE PREJUDICE OUR POSITION ON THE BUDGETS".

2. UKREP WILL SEND THE VERBATIM TEXT OF THIS STATEMENT TO ECD(E) WHEN AVAILABLE EARLY NEXT WEEK.

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Mr Powell (10 Downing Street)

Sanity may be returning in the
European Parliament!

D.F. Williamson

William Marsden has just telephoned the following
message through from the European Parliament in
Strasbourg:-

13/9/84

"The Chairman of the Budget Committee has just made
his statement. This is a rough translation. We will
be sending you the full text by telex.

"The Parliament in the 3 difficult months ahead
will operate on the basis of firmness, responsibility
and a sense of priorities. It has no wish to
harrass the other institutions uselessly. The
Budget Committee has taken note of the evolution
on the discussions on financing and of possible
solutions. It has no wish in any way to block
things and hopes that for the next session it will
be presented with a draft supplementary budget
and a new request for a transfer."

He ended by saying:

"I am confident that we will be able to authorise
the unblocking of the measures for the United
Kingdom and the FRG on that basis, which would
not, of course, prejudice our position on the
budgets".

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EEC PROMISES "SPEEDY" REBATE
STRASBOURG, WEDNESDAY - THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT'S BUDGET
COMMITTEE TODAY PLEDGED SPEEDY PAYMENT TO BRITAIN OF A REFUND OWING
TO IT FROM LAST YEAR ONCE MEMBER STATES HAD AGREED ON AN EMERGENCY
BUDGET PACKAGE FOR THE CASH-STARVED COMMUNITY.

FRENCH SOCIALIST JEAN-PIERRE COT, BUDGET COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, TOLD
A NEWS CONFERENCE THE MONEY WAS LIKELY TO BE RELEASED AS SOON AS
MEMBER STATES SUBMITTED THEIR BUDGET PROPOSALS TO THE PARLIAMENT.

"I AM NOT BEING OVER OPTIMISTIC IF I SAY THAT WE WILL BE IN A
POSITION TO AUTHORISE THE TRANSFER IN OCTOBER," HE SAID.

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