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TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 119 OF 04 OCTOBER

AND TO IMMEDIATE ALL EC POSTS AND UKREP BRUSSELS

YOUR TELEGRAM NUMBER 248 TO DUBLIN AND BONN TELEGRAM NUMBER
929 TO YOU : EC BUDGET 1983 REFUNDS

1. I SPOKE ON THE LINES OF PARAGRAPH 4 (1) AND (II) OF YOUR
TUR TO PFLIMLIN ON 4 OCTOBER.
2. HE SAID THAT HE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED THE OFFICIAL REQUEST FOR
THE REFUND FROM THE COMMISSION. HE HAD HOWEVER LUNCHED WITH ANDRIESSE
ON THAT DAY AND HAD ASKED HIM TO ACCELERATE IT. IT WAS PROMISED
WITHIN A DAY OR TWO.
3. PFLIMLIN SAID THAT HE PERSONALLY WOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE
TO ACCELERATE THE DECISION. THE BUDGET COMMITTEE OF THE PARLIAMENT
WOULD BE MEETING ON TUESDAY 9 OCTOBER IN STRASBOURG, PROBABLY
AT NOON. HE WAS HOWEVER SURE THAT WE UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS
WAS A DELICATE QUESTION AND THAT IT MEGHT NOT BE EASY TO
PERSUADE PARLIAMENTARIANS TO TAKE A DECISION BEFORE 12 OCTOBER.
IT WAS FOR THIS REASON THAT HE INTENDED TO MAINTAIN THE NEXT
PLENARY SESSION OF THE PARLIAMENT FOR THE WEEK OF 22-26 OCTOBER
IN ORDER TO RETAIN THE POSSIBILITY OF A SECOND CHANCE TO GET A
POSITIVE VOTE. HE WAS DETERMINED TO GET THIS WELL BEFORE THE
SIX WEEKS PERIOD ALLOWED.
4. THE FEDERAL GERMAN AMBASSADOR HERE TELLS ME HE IS NOT
RESPONSIBLE FOR BRIEFING GERMAN MEPS, WHO WILL IN ANY CASE
NOT BE IN STRASBOURG BEFORE 8 OCTOBER. THE OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE
FOR LIASON WITH MEPS IS DR. JUNKER OF THE MFA IN BONN.

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