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THE PRIME MINISTER

31 July 1985

Dear Prime Minister,

Thank you for your message of 12 July about how we should follow up our discussion at Milan on the value of launching a European Action Programme against cancer.

I agree that the best way to take this forward would be to bring together a small team of experts practising in this field. I also agree that prevention and treatment are the areas where there may well be scope for a concerted approach. The experts would no doubt wish to draw on the work already done by the European organisations which have led the way in the fight against cancer. As you know, there are a number of these, including not only those which you mention, but also the European Organisation for Co-operation in Cancer Prevention studies.

I look forward to hearing the reaction of our other colleagues to your ideas and to learning how, in particular, M. Santer envisages taking this initiative forward during Luxembourg's Presidency. We shall propose a nominee for the expert group in due course.

Yours sincerely
Manuel Santer

H. E. Onorevole Bettino Craxi.

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DRAFT REPLY TO SIGNOR BETTINO CRAXI

Thank you for your message of 12th July about how we should follow up our discussion at Milan on the value of launching a European Action Programme against cancer.

I agree that

The best way to take this forward ^{would be} might be as you suggest to bring together a small team of experts practising in this field. I agree with you that prevention and treatment are the areas where there may well be scope for a concerted approach. If such a group were to be set up it might well reflect this ^{in experts} and the Group would no doubt wish to draw on the efforts ^{work already done by} of the European Organisations which have led the way in the fight against cancer. As you know, there are a number of these, including not only those which you mention, but also the European Organisation for Cooperation in Cancer Prevention studies.

I look forward to hearing the reaction of our other colleagues to your ideas and to learning how, in particular, ^{n.} Jacques Santer envisages taking this initiative forward during Luxembourg's Presidency. We ~~would be~~ ^{shall} happy to propose a nominee for the expert group in due course.

~~Thank you also for your personal good wishes which I am very happy to reciprocate.~~

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