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THE PRIME MINISTER

10 January 1990

Dear Monsieur Chaban-Debras

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You will have been as satisfied as I was at the outcome of the Strasbourg European Council. One of our major aims was to offer practical help to the countries in Eastern Europe which are introducing political and economic reform. We agreed in principle on:

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Yours sincerely

Jacques Chaban-Delmas

M. Jacques Chaban-Delmas



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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

8 January 1990

Dear Charles,

Letter from M. Chaban Delmas

Thank you for your letter of 14 December enclosing one from the President of the Action Committee for Europe, M. Jacques Chaban Delmas. I enclose a draft reply, with apologies for missing your deadline.

Yours ever,

Richard Gozney

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Draft Reply from the Prime Minister

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M. Jacques Chaban Delmas
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From the Private Secretary

14 December 1989

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 13 December to the Prime Minister with which you enclosed one from the President of the Comité d'Action pour l'Europe.

Charles Powell

His Excellency Vicomte Luc de La Barre
de Nanteuil

M. Jacques C-DELMAS
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From the Private Secretary

14 December 1989

I attach a copy of a letter the Prime Minister has received from Monsieur Jacques Chaban-Delmas, President of the Comité d'Action pour l'Europe.

I should be grateful for a draft reply, to reach me by Tuesday 2 January.

Charles Powell

Richard Gozney Esq
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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AMBASSADE DE FRANCE
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Ad'd'

L'AMBASSADEUR

13 December 1989

Dear Sir

I have just received through the
diplomatic bag a letter addressed to you by
Monsieur Jacques Chaban-Delmas, Président of
the Comité d'Action pour l'Europe.

I enclose it herewith.

Yours

Luc de La Barre de Nanteuil

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The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, MP
Prime Minister
10 Downing street
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COMITE D'ACTION POUR L'EUROPE

Jacques CHABAN-DELMAS
Président

Paris, le

01 DEC. 1989

Madame Margaret THATCHER
Premier Ministre
Royaume-Uni

Chère Madame le Premier Ministre,

Le Comité d'Action pour l'Europe a tenu ses travaux à Paris à l'invitation du Gouvernement français, les 22 et 23 novembre dernier. Cette réunion a été l'occasion de faire le point sur les événements enregistrés au cours de ces derniers mois en Europe de l'Est et de tenter d'en aborder les conséquences pour la Communauté Européenne.

Dans ce contexte, tous les membres du Comité, quelle que soit leur sensibilité politique, attachent une importance extrême à la réussite du Conseil Européen de Strasbourg, qui doit être l'occasion d'une accélération et d'un approfondissement des processus en cours.

Le Comité d'Action pour l'Europe a donc approuvé la recommandation dont je vous prie de bien vouloir trouver, ci-joint, le texte. Face aux espoirs mais aussi aux incertitudes que laissent les récentes évolutions en URSS et dans les pays de l'Est, il nous apparaît essentiel en effet que la Communauté reste en mesure d'exercer sa capacité d'attraction et de répondre, grâce à son renforcement, aux attentes des peuples qui échappent au système totalitaire.

Avec les vœux que nous formulons tous pour le succès du Conseil de Strasbourg, je vous prie, Chère Madame le Premier Ministre, de trouver ici l'expression de mes hommages respectueux.

et cordiaux.

Jacques Chaban-Delmas
Jacques CHABAN-DELMAS

Paris, 23th november 1989

STATEMENT BY THE COMMITTEE OF ACTION
FOR EUROPE

Meeting in Paris the 22nd and 23rd of November, under the chairmanship of M. CHABAN-DELMAS, the members of the Committee of Action for Europe have noted with satisfaction the events which have taken place in our continent during the last months. They hope that they will constitute a lasting turning point, allowing all European peoples to find their way toward democracy and freedom on the basis of the values of justice and solidarity and on the principles of self-determination which guide the Committee. They welcome the perspectives thus opened to end the division of Europe, making thereby possible the union of the Germans in the framework of the Community.

These evolutions can go on only if a mutual confidence develops between States too long separated, as was achieved in the framework of the Community. Considering that the Alliances remain today an element of stability, the members of the Committee hope for further progresses in the way of a real and controlled disarmament, particularly conventional. The Committee considers furthermore that the countries of the Community, members of the Western European Union, should prepare in this framework the future organization of security in Europe.

1 - The Committee considers that a massive economic effort should be envisaged at Community level in favour of the countries which so ask are decided to modify their structures to recreate the necessary dynamism.

The Committee asks the European Council of Strasbourg to entrust the Commission with the mission to consolidate in one overall plan the means that the Community and its Member States are ready to devote to this task for all the countries which so ask and engage in the direction of democratic pluralism. Such a plan would include at the same time emergency measures and measures insuring a more long-term development. It would define with the recipient countries steps which could lead to a future association with the Community.

2 - The Committee considers also that the strengthening of the Community is more necessary than ever. It must remain a dynamic factor and a pole of attraction ; for it to become diluted into a more free trade area would be to betray its political vocation.

The Community owes it to itself to keep the engagements which it has taken and to overcome the bureaucratic obstacles which still prevent the full implementation of the Single Market in 1992. It must also implement the principles enumerated in the "Social Charter" and reinforce its policies in the field of environment and culture.

The Committee considers necessary the setting up of the Economic and Monetary Union along the lines described by the "Delors' report". The Member States must make use of the first phase to create the conditions making it possible to undertake as soon as possible ulterior phases.

The Committee urges the European Council of Strasbourg to set a date for the convening of the Intergovernmental Conference called for by the Delors' Committee. This conference should elaborate the additions to the Treaty necessary for the functioning of the Economic and Monetary Union as well as for the institutional and democratic strengthening which the Community must achieve today if it is to be ready for the task ahead.

The Committee recalls its will to see the setting up of a real European Political Union.

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