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PRIME MINISTER

While I was away you received a draft foreward by you for the European Manifesto. On my return to the office today I saw this for the first time with your amendments.

I think it could be improved further and I therefore attach a revised draft for your approval (together with the original draft, which you amended - and which I have sidelined in red to show you which parts I have amended.

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STEPHEN

24.4.84

DRAFT FOREWARD FOR EURO MANIFESTO 1984 BY THE PRIME MINISTER
THE RT HON MARGARET THATCHER, FRS MP

Britain joined the European Community with a vision.

We saw opportunities for trade and greater prosperity.
But we also saw in the Community the promise of peace and security, ^{an absence} in which endeavour, enterprise and invention ^{could} flourish.

For the first time in history, the very idea of an armed conflict between the countries of Western Europe has become unthinkable. As we celebrate the anniversary of D-Day, we shall also be celebrating almost 40 years of peace among the nations of Europe.

Membership of the Community has had its problems. But ~~rather than sweep them under the carpet~~, we have tackled them. ^{with longer vigour.}

When the European Parliament was ^{first} directly elected ~~for the first time~~ five years ago, we Conservatives promised that our Government would defend Britain's vital national interests. We have kept our promise. Today, Britain's voice in Europe is strong and clear, and its message is respected by our partners.

We have been right to fight for improvements to the common agricultural policy and for a fairer system of finance.

We want these ^{things} ~~precisely~~ so that we can put behind us the endless haggling over money and begin to develop the full potential of the Community.

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These coming European elections are part of our
commitment to peace with freedom and justice.

It is vital that Britain's voice remains strong in
Europe. We do not want to see our accomplishments and
our future damaged by those who seek only to destroy
what has already been achieved.

That is why I ask for your support on June 14th.

Handy one - Thank you
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Draft foreword for Euro Manifesto 1984 by the Prime Minister
the Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher MP

Britain joined the European Community with a vision.

We saw opportunities for trade and greater prosperity,
~~and those ambitions are being realised~~

But we also saw in a united Europe the promise of peace and
security amid which endeavour and invention could flourish.

~~Those dreams too are being realised~~

For the first time in history the very idea of an armed conflict
between Western European powers has become unthinkable. Even
as we celebrate the anniversary of D-day we shall also be
celebrating almost 40 years of peace among the nations of
Europe.

Membership of the Community has not been without its problems.
When the first direct elections to the European Parliament
were held five years ago ~~the~~ ^{we} Conservatives promised that our
Government would defend Britain's vital national interests.

That promise ~~(too)~~ ^{and its message} we have kept. Britain's voice in Europe is
strong and clear. ~~Our country~~ is respected by our partners.

We have fought necessary battles
over the Community's system of financing ~~it has been for~~
~~a purpose.~~ ^{the Common Agricultural Policy}

We need to settle these things so that the endless haggling
over money can be put behind us and the full potential of the
Community developed to the advantage of all its members.

European ~~independence~~ are part of our commitment
These coming elections ~~symbolise the reality of a united~~
~~Europe based on Parliamentary democracy and committed to~~
peace with freedom and justice ~~is~~

It is vital that Britain's voice remains strong in Europe. We do
not want to see our ~~achievements~~ ^{accomplishments} and our future ~~demolished~~ ^{damaged}
by those who claim that the only way forward is to destroy
what has already been ~~built~~ ^{built, achieved}.

That is why I ask ^{for} your support on June 14.