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The Rt Hon Mrs Margaret Thatcher MP
Prime Minister

Following our telephone conversation today and my discussions with our colleagues about the establishment of the committees mentioned in the Presidency Conclusions of our meeting in Fontainebleau, I would propose that the terms of reference of the high level committee on the further development of the Community should be -

"To consider and make recommendations to the European Council on the extension and deepening of European integration, and for that purpose to examine

- (1) The possibility of extending the competence of the Community in relation to education, culture, health, justice and the fight against terrorism, and the technological future of Europe, and of developing the European Monetary System.
- (2) The functioning and decision-making arrangements of the institutions and the inter-relationships between them."

I would propose that Senator James Dooge, who is Government Leader in the Senate and a former Minister for Foreign Affairs, would Chair the Committee for the duration of its work, and that the Head of State or Government of each country would each nominate a representative, as could the Commission. I would envisage that the members of the Committee would be persons of high political standing. I would intend asking the Secretary General of the Council to ensure the provision of the necessary Secretariat for the Committee, which would normally meet in Brussels.

I am writing to you to request your agreement to these proposed arrangements as soon as possible and to ask you to nominate the person whom you would propose to act as your representative on the Committee.

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I would suggest that the terms of reference of the other Committee mentioned in the Fontainebleau conclusions should be

"To consider and make recommendations on measures to strengthen and promote the identity of the Community and its image both for its citizens and for the rest of the world, taking into account, to that end, the measures suggested in the Presidency Conclusions of the European Council at Fontainebleau and other appropriate measures."

According to the Fontainebleau Conclusions, the Committee is to comprise representatives of the Heads of State or Government of the member States. I would suggest that, in view of the terms of reference, persons of high or the highest standing associated with the administration of each country could appropriately be nominated. The suggestion has been made that the Chairman should be a person of European standing and could keep in direct contact with the President in Office.

I suggest that the Commission should be represented also on this Committee while the Secretary General of the Council might appropriately be asked to ensure the provision of a Secretariat. The Committee would normally meet in Brussels and would also be asked to report to the European Council in Dublin in December.

If you find that the foregoing suggestions are acceptable to you, I would propose to proceed with the arrangements for the establishment of the two Committees, having received from you and our colleagues your proposed nomination of representatives for the Committees.

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