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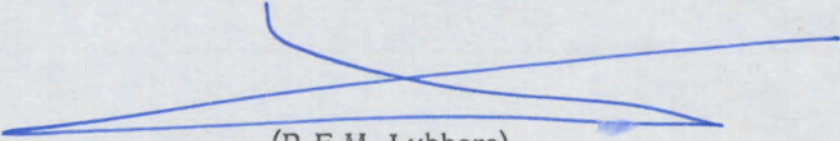
The Hague, 6 July 1984

Dear Colleague

Please find enclosed a copy of a letter which I have sent to Mr Fitzgerald today and which I believe speaks for itself.

I should greatly appreciate it if you would look favourably on Mr Andriesen's candidacy.

Thank you for your
kind letter, and cooperation
at Fontainebleau


(R.F.M. Lubbers)

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher MP
Prime Minister
of the United Kingdom



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Dear Garret,

Further to our discussions at Fontainebleau, I would like to draw your attention again to the candidacy of Frans Andriessen for the presidency of the European Commission.

As you know, Frans Andriessen has considerable political and administrative experience, first as leader of his party, the then Catholic People's Party, and later as Minister of Finance.

The way in which he is currently managing the competition portfolio in the European Commission and his excellent contacts with the European Parliament on the Commission's behalf are universally appreciated.

Frans Andriessen's success in Europe is attributable to his strength of character, his belief in the European idea, his great familiarity with the various currents of thought in Europe, and - not least - his excellent knowledge of languages. He speaks French, English and German fluently.

Lastly, may I add that apart from the brief interregnum of Sicco Mansholt, no Netherlands commissioner has ever held the Presidency of the Commission. It would seem reasonable that the Netherlands should now be permitted to make this contribution.

I sincerely hope that Andriessen's candidacy will receive the consideration which I believe it deserves.

(R.F.M. Lubbers)

Dr Garret FitzGerald
Prime Minister of the
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