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SUBJECT: EC RESPONSE TO US ENERGY PROPOSAL

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THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE EC COMMISSION IN CHARGE OF ENERGY MATTERS, HENRI SIMONET, WILL SEEK THE APPROVAL ON MONDAY OF THE OTHER EC COMMISSIONERS FOR A FAVORABLE RESPONSE TO THE US PROPOSAL FOR AN ENERGY ACTION GROUP (EAG). SIMONET'S SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATION WILL BE THAT THE COMMISSION PROPOSE TO THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS THAT IT INSTRUCT THE NEW EC ENERGY COMMITTEE (TO BE ESTABLISHED SHORTLY) TO PREPARE POSITIVE RESPONSE TO THE EAG PROPOSAL, INCLUDING SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS FOR AREAS THE EC WOULD LIKE TO SEE EXPLORED. SHOULD THE COMMISSIONERS AGREE, THE

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PROPOSAL COULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL THE SAME DAY AND THE COMMISSION WOULD ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH INFORMAL CONTACT WITH THE US ON THE PROPOSAL IMMEDIATELY.

HOWEVER, POTENTIAL DELAYS OVER EC ACTION BECAUSE OF THE CURRENT ANGLO-GERMAN IMPASSE OVER ESTABLISHING A REGIONAL FUND-- WHICH THE BRITISH HAVE LINKED TO AN ENERGY POLICY--MAY LEAD SOME COMMISSION/MEMBERS TO ARGUE FOR A MORE CAUTIONS APPROACH. FEARING THE DIFFICULTY OF REACHING A COMMON EC STANCE, THE GERMANS HAVE ALREADY BEEN SUGGESTING FIRST SEEKING A MEANS OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR THE COMMUNITY THAT WOULD NOT REQUIRE THE PRIOR DEVELOPMENT OF AN EC ENERGY POSITION. THE OECD HAS BEEN SUGGESTED AS THE VEHICLE TOWARD THIS END.

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