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Dear Andrew,

Personalities at Birmingham "Youth for Europe" Rally

The following were the people involved in the Rally. The first group attended in person, the second sent public messages of support which were read out at the Rally and the third group did a great deal of work assisting me personally in getting through to personalities such as Petula Clark and Bobby Moore etc.

If it is possible, may I suggest that Mrs Thatcher is asked to send letters to the people who are starred on the list. These letters would be particularly important at this stage because each of these people, particularly those in the last group, are actually the key to wide open doors to the whole field of sport and entertainment over the next five years and a short letter of thanks from the Prime Minister will help tremendously in our dealings with them in the years ahead.

I have attached on separate sheets, the specific messages sent by the personalities in group II.

GROUP I - Attending the Rally in person

- ** 1. Petula CLARK (Mrs Claude WOLF)
89 a Route de Florissant
CH 1223 Geneva
Switzerland
010 41 22 47 74 05
- ** 2. Kenny CLAYTON (Accompanist and Musical Arranger for
Petula Clark)
17 Rockley Court
London W14 0DB - 01-603 3006
- ** 3. Ted ROGERS (Leading national comedian and television
variety star)
183 Amersham Way
Little Chalfont
Bucks
02404 2918

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4. Wally MALSTON (Writer and Arranger for Ted Rogers)
2 Heather Drive
Church Crookham
Aldershot
Hants

GROUP II - Personal messages sent to Mrs Thatcher and read
out at meeting

- ** 1. Henry COOPER (Former British Heavyweight Boxing Champion)
36 Brampton Grove
Hendon
London NW4
01-202 3098
- ** 2. Cyril and Betty FLETCHER
Summerhill Park
Old Heathfield
Sussex
04356-218
- ** 3. Gerry FRANCIS (Former Captain of the England Soccer Team
recently transferred for £450,000 from
Queens Park Rangers to Crystal Palace)
Thornlea
Bracknell Road
Bagshot
Surrey
6276-75433
- ** 4. Donna HARTLEY (Double Commonwealth Games Gold Medalist and
British record holder for the 200 and 400 m
races)
90 Rivington Drive
Burscough
Nr Ormskirk
Lancs
0704-894370
- ** 5. Bobby MOORE (Former Captain of England Soccer Team - has
played more than hundred times for England
at football)
4 Stradbroke Drive
Chigwell
Essex
01-501 1408
- ** 6. Eric MOREGANBE (The good looking one - not the one with the
short fat hairy legs)
Brachefield
Redbourne Lane
Harpenden
Herts
05827-4463

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- ** 7. Barbara WINDSOR (Stage and filmstar - "Carry On" series)
24 Aylmer Drive
Stanmore
Middx
01-954 8187

GROUP III - Have given considerable help in opening doors to sporting and entertainment personalities for HT. Potentially these people can help most of all in this area.

- ** 1. Peter LORENZO (Agent for a number of sports personalities and BBC 2 Sports commentator)
12-16 Woods Mews
Park Lane
London W1Y 3AH
01-499 8321
- ** 2. Peter PRITCHARD (Agent for Pete Murray, Bob Monkhouse and many others who put me in contact with Petula Clark)
56a Pont Street
London SW1
01-584 4265
- ** 3. Ron PICKERING (BBC Television Chief of Athletic coverage)
40 Woodstock Road
Broxbourne
Herts
61-62006

N.B. All these three people are staunch Conservatives.

- ** 4. Pete and Tricia MURRAY (who introduced me to most of the above)
32 Burghley House
Somerset Road
Wimbledon
London SW19
01-947 5848
- 5. Mrs Nigel DAVENPORT (Maria AITKEN) (who has been consistently helpful)
47 Phillimore Gardens
London W8
01-937 0437

I have sent copies of this letter to Sally James at No 10 and to Caroline Stevens for her information file.

Warm greetings,

Harvey Thomas

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PERSONAL MESSAGES SENT TO THE PRIME MINISTER,
MRS MARGARET THATCHER, AT THE YOUTH FOR EUROPE
RALLY IN THE NATIONAL EXHIBITION CENTRE, BIRMINGHAM
SATURDAY JUNE 2 (and read out publicly to the meeting)

Henry COOPER (Former British Heavyweight Boxing Champion)

"Only a previous commitment has stopped me coming up to Birmingham this afternoon. I'd love to have been there with you in the Europe Rally. Good luck in your European Campaign."

Cyril and Betty FLETCHER

"Warmest personal greetings and the following 'Odd Ode':-

It's summer and the wind and rain
Have brought Elections round again.
United Europe larger far
Than USA or U - SSR
Can speak together with one voice
That voice can be the people's choice.
Conservatives will speak their mind
Britain will not be left behind,
But take her place with other nations
Pride of Place not poor relations.
So go along and make your mark
Don't sit at home and be a nark."

Gerry FRANCIS (Former Captain of the England Soccer Team
recently transferred for £450,000 from Queens
Park Rangers to Crystal Palace)

"Sorry I cannot come personally this afternoon, but I do send my very best wishes for your success as Prime Minister and for the Conservative success in the European Elections."

Donna HARTLEY (Double Commonwealth Games Gold Medalist and
British record holder for the 200 and 400 m races)

"I'm racing in Belgium today, Mrs Thatcher, while you are meeting in Birmingham. So, from another European Community Country may I greet you and offer you my best wishes for your European Election Campaign."

Bobby MOORE (Former Captain of England Soccer Team - has played
more than hundred times for England at football)

"May I take this opportunity - even though I cannot be with you personally - of sending my best wishes to you for the Youth for Europe Rally today and for your success in the European Campaign."

Eric MORECAMBE (The good looking one - not the one with the short
fat hairy legs)

"Dear Margaret - I can't make it to Birmingham myself today, I'm afraid. People are always talking about what's wrong with the country - nothing is wrong with the country, I go there every summer. God bless you Maggie, and good luck in the European Campaign and it is your round next."

Barbara WINDSOR (Stage and filmstar - "Carry On" series)

"Dear Mrs Thatcher, I would have loved to come today but I just can't make it. God bless and good luck in the Elections."

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