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Mr. Jessel's constituent is referring to the following extract from a speech made by Mr. Heath to the British Chamber of Commerce in Paris on 5th May 1970.

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"For we should be clear that these are not only or even essentially transactions between Governments. Whatever the Government in power in Britain I do not myself believe that Parliament will approve a settlement which in the opinion of its members is unequal and unfair. In making this judgement they will have in mind, as is natural and legitimate, primarily the effect of entry upon the standard of living of the individual citizen whom they represent. Nor would it be in the interest of the Community that its enlargement should take place except with the full-hearted consent of the Parliaments and peoples of the new member countries."

It is clear from the paragraph read as a whole that Mr. Heath envisaged a procedure by which M.P.'s took their decisions after discussing the matter with their constituents.

Those in the FCO concerned with the negotiations are aware of this speech.

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