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Thank you for your letter of 10 May about the next meeting of the Action Committee. You asked for comments and suggestions on the working document you sent me on 6 March in connection with the preparations for the next meeting of the Action Committee.

I have discussed this with Geoffrey Rippon. I hope you will forgive me if I do not attempt to comment in detail on the wide range of proposals contained in your paper. ~~But~~ I would like to say how much I agree with the method which you recommend should be followed in promoting the process of European unification, at the end of paragraph 2 of the paper.

Equally, I agree with the remarks in paragraphs 5 and 6 about the originality of the Community institutions and the need to make use of existing institutions before contemplating the creation of new ones. I agree about the importance of the nomination of the new Commission, but I am not sure whether it would be right at this point to press for changes in the way in which members of the Commission are appointed by Member Governments. I very much agree with the remark in paragraph 11 that the Assembly of the Community must be an effective link between national Parliaments and that delegates to the European Parliament should be parliamentarians of stature.

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