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Mr NOE' and Mr SANTER

to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: Introduction of summertime

The European Parliament has always made it quite clear that it considers agreement within the Community on the introduction of summertime to be absolutely essential. It is incomprehensible that at their meeting of 12 June 1978, the Transport Ministers, who are responsible for this matter, were unable to agree on the introduction of a common summertime in 1979 and that the people of Europe will again have to cope with three different time zones.

Can the Commission answer the following questions:

1. What were the compelling reasons which prevented the governments of the nine Member States from agreeing on a common summertime?

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2. In the year of direct elections to the European Parliament, how do the governments intend to justify to the people of Europe their 'indecision' and 'lack of unity'?
3. Does the Commission see any possibility of agreement still being reached in time for all the technical requirements for a common summertime in 1979 to be met?