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A Biographical Note

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Mr. Cohen was born in the Netherlands on March 4, 1930. From 1951 to 1958, he studied Political Science and Economics at the University of Amsterdam. He then joined the Commission of the European Communities where, between 1959 and 1964, he was Assistant to Dr. Sicco L. Mansholt, Vice President of the Commission and chief architect of the Common Agricultural Policy. Between 1964 and 1969, Mr. Cohen worked in the Commission's Directorate General for Agriculture, concentrating on the Community's relations with Mediterranean countries, with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and with the United Nations Conference for Trade and Development (UNCTAD.) Since 1969, Mr. Cohen has been Executive Assistant to Dr. Mansholt.

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Mr. Cohen is married. His hobbies are swimming, sailing, and horseback-riding.

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Robert Cohen was born on March 4, 1930, in Rotterdam, Holland. He studied political science at Amsterdam University and received his doctorate in October, 1958.

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