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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

HUGH DYKES, MEMBER OF THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT (MP)

Mr. Dykes was born in England in 1939. He was educated in Great Britain and in France and took a degree in economics at Cambridge University, where he was chairman of the Conservative Association.

Mr. Dykes started his political career in 1964, when he was a personal assistant to Mr. Edward Heath, MP (former Prime Minister). After serving as research secretary of the Bow Group in 1965-66, he contested the district of Tottenham in the 1966 General Election and was defeated. He then won Harrow East in the 1970 General Election and was re-elected with an increased majority in 1979, in 1983, in 1987, and in 1992.

Mr. Dykes has concentrated widely on European Community (EC) affairs since the 1974 elections and was a Member of the European Parliament (MEP) from September 1974 to February 1977. He was Secretary of the Conservative Parliamentary European Affairs Committee from 1975-78 and chairman from 1980-81. In 1975-76, he was a spokesman on EC economic affairs for the European Conservative Group in the European Parliament. He has been since 1983 the ranking Tory member of the House of Commons EC select committee.

He spoke on behalf of CDU candidates in the 1976 and 1980 German general elections and in the 1979 and 1984 Euro-elections. He was chairman of the Conservative Group for Europe from 1978 to 1981 and was joint honorary secretary of the European Movement from 1980 to 1986. Mr. Dykes was elected chairman of the All-Party Europe Group of MPs on July 5 1988. He is a member of the Management Board of the European Movement.

Mr. Dykes is also a stockbroker and investment analyst and has edited several books on finance and investment. For some years he was a regular contributor to the financial pages of (London) City magazines. He was a partner in a leading London Firm of brokers for ten years to 1977, and is now an associate member of stockbrokers Quilter, Goodison.

Mr. Dykes has travelled widely in North America, Europe, the Middle East and Far East, and has written a number of pamphlets and articles on foreign affairs. His other main interests are the European Community and economics.

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