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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

FERDINAND KINSKY, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE CENTRE INTERNATIONAL DE FORMATION EUROPEENNE (CIFE)

Mr. Ferdinand Kinsky was born in Prague, Czechoslovakia, in 1934 and was educated at the University of Munich (1954-55), where he studied economics and philosophy, and at the University of Frankfurt, where he received an M.A. in sociology (1958). He then obtained a post-graduate degree in international studies at the Institut Europeen des Hautes Etudes Internationales, University of Nice, France.

In 1957, Mr. Kinsky conducted a research project for the DIVO Institute for marketing, public opinion and social research in Frankfurt (Federal Republic of Germany). From 1959-62, he was Director of Studies at the International Forum, Bad Liebenzell (Germany). In 1962, he entered the German Cultural Foreign Service (Goethe Institute), and was delegated to the Centre International de Formation Europeenne (CIFE) in 1964, which he presently heads as its Director General in Nice, France.

CIFE was established in 1954 as a private international organization with a consultative statute to the Council of Europe; it has national sections in most of the European Community member states as well as in Austria; it benefits from the support of European and international institutions, many national governments as well as regional and local organizations. Its main activities include: the organization of approximately 20 seminars every year for different socio-professional categories, taking place in various European countries; two university sessions each year (graduate and post-graduate levels); colloquia and publications on European issues.

In addition to being Director General of CIFE, Mr. Kinsky is a professor at the European Institute for Advanced International Studies at the University of Nice and is a member of the Board of Editors of "L'Europe en Formation".

Mr. Kinsky is a member of the Federal Committee of the Union of European Federalists, and is the author of many publications and articles which have appeared in European newspapers and reviews.

Mr. Kinsky's American experience includes a Visiting Assistant Professorship at Indiana University, and a Guest Scholarship at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, DC in June and July 1979.

Mr. Kinsky is a German citizen and is married with 4 children
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