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of the Council of the European Communities

on the proposal for the transfer of appropriations between chapters in Section III
-- Commission -- of the General Budget for the European Communities for the
financial year 1978 (Doc. 159/78)

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Brussels, 24 JUL. 1978

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Sir,

By letter dated 5 June 1978 and in accordance with the third subparagraph of Article 21(2) of the Financial Regulation the European Parliament consulted the Council on the proposals for transfers of appropriations put forward in Commission document COM(78) 240 final.

I am pleased to inform you that, at its meeting on 18 July 1978, the Council gave a favourable opinion on the transfer mentioned in the first section of the proposal, viz. 443,500 EUA in payment appropriations and 577,000 EUA in commitment appropriations from Chapter 100 to item 3371. It is understood that appropriations not utilized for the Food technology project (32,200 EUA in payment appropriations and 38,000 EUA in commitment appropriations) will lapse at the end of the financial year.

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As regards the second part of this proposal for transfers of appropriations, i.e. the transfer of 379,100 EUA from Chapter 100 to item 9431, the Council would draw your attention to the remarks on item 9431 which state that the appropriation in question is to be entered under Chapter 100 pending a Council decision on the establishment of delegations to the Mashreq countries and Israel. This decision has not yet been taken and accordingly the Council is only able to deliver an unfavourable opinion on this part of the Commission proposal.

Finally, as regards the third part of COM(78) 240 final, the Council, while agreeing to increase the appropriations under item 2722 by 600,000 EUA to develop the current affairs films service for developing countries, nevertheless feels it inappropriate to draw the 600,000 EUA in question from Chapter 101 as proposed by the Commission.

The Council feels that Chapter 101 should be reserved solely for operations which are totally unforeseeable when the budget is being drawn up, which is not true in this particular case.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

M. LAHNSTEIN