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ORAL QUESTION (O-85/76)

with debate pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules

of Procedure

by Mr PRESCOTT on behalf of the Socialist Group

to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject : Mr Adams and Hoffman La Roche

Since Mr Adams' arrest for industrial espionage in
Switzerland in 1974 and his conviction for providing
information to the Commission about the illegal trade
prectices by Hoffman La Roche, the Commission have
assured the Assembly that the 1972 Agreement between
the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confe-
deration is incompatible with those Swiss laws that
led to the conviction of Mr Adams.

Will the Commission answer the following questions :

1. When did the Commission convene the joint committee
   under the 1972 Swiss/EEC agreement to discuss the
   implications of this case, and what conclusions
   did it reach?

2. Has the Commission been informed as to the date
   of Hoffman La Roche's appeal to the European Court
   against their fine? Is there any delay, and will

the Commission make a statement?

3. Has the Swiss Government given any assurance that no community citizen will face prosecution for industrial espionage if they provide information to the Commission similar to the action taken by Mr Adams about the illegal practices of such companies?

4. Has the Commission received any representation from other EEC Governments on behalf of Hoffman La Roche in this matter?

5. On what date did the Commission publicly move against Hoffman La Roche companies in the Community and was Mr Adams previously informed? If not, why not?

6. When was the Commission first made aware of Mr Adams' decision to appeal against his conviction by the Swiss Courts and is it compatible with the statement given by Commissioner Soames to the European Assembly in September?

7. Has the Commission received any request from Mr Adams for assistance in acquiring citizenship of one of the Community countries?