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to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: A strategy to cope with the difficulties
experienced by the European car industry

In order to cope with the difficulties experienced
by the European industry in the face of the techno-
logical and commercial breakthrough achieved by
Japan, can the Commission not propose tougher trade-
linked measures to safeguard the European market?

Has it yet been able to evaluate the effect of the
commercial breakthrough by Japanese car manufacturers
on the European countries' share of the markets both
in the Community and in the world?

Furthermore, would the Commission not agree that,
since the structure of the European industry is
characterized by a highly developed system of sub-
contracting, it enjoys an important advantage
that should not be sacrificed in the bid to achieve,
at any price, a concentration of technological

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and financial resources that might well eventually pose a threat to jobs in the car industry?