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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

CAROLINE JACKSON, HEAD OF THE EUROPEAN DEMOCRATIC GROUP'S OFFICE IN LONDON (BRITISH CONSERVATIVE MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT)

Caroline Jackson was born in Penzance, Cornwall (United Kingdom) in 1946. From 1965-69, she studied Classics and Modern History at St. Hugh's College, Oxford and was elected Librarian (Vice President) of the Oxford Union in 1969. Mrs. Jackson holds an M.A. and a Doctorate degree of Philosophy from Oxford University. Her doctoral thesis was on 19th century British elections.

From 1970-72, she taught modern history to Oxford University undergraduates and was also a Research Fellow at St. Hugh's College, Oxford. From 1973-74, she was a Member of the Conservative Research Department. As such, she was responsible for health and welfare under Sir Keith Joseph, and moved in 1974 to cover education and worked closely with Norman St. John Stevas, then Shadow Spokesman. She was also responsible for women's affairs and gave evidence to the House of Commons Select Committee on Tax Credits in 1973.

In 1975, she joined the Secretariat of the Conservative Group in the European Parliament, with responsibility for employment, social affairs and consumer affairs. In 1979, she worked in the Information Unit of the Conservative Party for the European elections and subsequently became Head of the London Office of the European Democratic Group, retaining responsibility for employment questions, and attending meetings in Brussels of the European Parliament's Social Affairs Committee, and the sessions of the Parliament in Strasbourg, France. She is also responsible for relations with the Conservative Party Organization.

As far as Mrs. Jackson's political career is concerned, from 1970 to 1974, she was an elected member of the Oxford City Council and, in such capacity, served on the Housing, Education and Finance Committees. She fought the General Election of February 1974 as Conservative Candidate for Birmingham, Erdington and came second. In 1980, she became

Chairman of the British section of the Foreign Affairs Commission of the European Union of Women. Mrs. Jackson has undertaken numerous speaking engagements with conservative and non-political audiences, mainly on European subjects.

Mrs. Jackson wrote a pamphlet entitled "A Fairer Deal for Women" in 1973 as well as various historical articles in academic journals. She was a major contributor to the Conservative European Campaign Guide in 1979 and is presently working on a pamphlet "Living in Europe" illustrating British involvement with Europe since 1973.

Mrs. Jackson is married and lives in London.

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