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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

GEOFFREY W. HOON, MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT (MEP) AND  
CHAIRMAN OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT'S DELEGATION FOR RELATIONS  
WITH THE UNITED STATES

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Geoff. Hoon was born in Derby, Great Britain on December 6, 1953. After reading law at Cambridge University, he qualified as a barrister.

He spent six years as a lecturer in law at the University of Leeds before practising at the bar in the East Midlands. From 1979 until 1980, he was Visiting Professor in law at the University of Louisville, Kentucky. As a university lecturer, he specialized in constitutional and labor law.

Geoff. Hoon has been Derbyshire's Member of the European Parliament (MEP) since his election in June 1984. As a local family man, he has concentrated his efforts on taking up constituency interests. These have varied from advising industry on changes in European law to getting EC grants for the High Peak College. Members of the European Parliament are elected by citizens of the twelve member countries of the European Community every five years.

In the European Parliament, Mr. Hoon belongs to the Socialist Group and, in addition to being Chairman of the European Parliament's Delegation for Relations with the United States, he is a member of the Committee on Legal Affairs and Citizens' Rights. As a member of that committee, he has been responsible for a number of reports. These have concerned consumer protection, human rights and legal aid. He is anxious to see the benefits of the larger single market extended to individual citizens and consumers. He was formerly the Chairman of the European Parliament's Delegation to China.

Mr. Hoon is married with three children.

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