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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

ANTHONY SIMPSON, MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Mr. Simpson was born at Leicester, England in 1935 and was educated at Rugby School and Magdalene College, Cambridge, where he obtained a B.A. in history and law, an M.A. and a Bachelor of Laws Degree.

From 1954-56, he served in the British Army with the 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards. After leaving Cambridge University, he practised at the Bar in London until 1966, when he returned to practice in Leicester.

Mr. Simpson stood as the Conservative candidate for the constituency of West Leicester in the British general elections in February and October 1974. In the 1974 Referendum Campaign on British membership of the European Community, he was Chairman of "Harborough in Europe" and press officer of "Leicester in Europe". From 1975-79, he worked in Brussels, Belgium as a member of the Legal Service of the Commission of the European Communities.

Mr. Simpson was elected as Conservative Member for Northamptonshire in the first direct elections to the European Parliament in June 1979. He is a member of the European Democratic Group and of the European Parliament Committees on Legal Affairs, Rules of Procedure and Budgetary Control. Shortly after that election, in September 1979, he was elected by the Parliament as a Quaestor, a member of the governing body with special responsibilities for the administration and finances of the Parliament.

Mr. Simpson is Chairman of the European Democrat Forum (formerly the European Conservative Forum) in Brussels and has served on the Committee of the British Conservative Association in Belgium. He specializes in defense and European Community issues, with particular emphasis on European Community law and legal affairs and also on transport and environmental issues.

Mr. Simpson has travelled extensively in the U.S.A., the Middle East, Africa and Europe and speaks French, German, Italian, Dutch and some Greek. He was formerly E.E.C. Law Editor of the Current Law Journal.

Mr. Simpson is married with three children and lives in Brussels, Belgium.

