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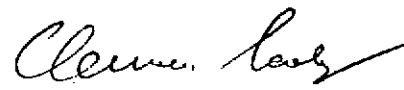
Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of 5 May 2002, received here on 27 May.

I am pleased that through your contribution on freedom of information you are taking part in the public debate on the major questions with which the European Convention is concerned, and welcome your evident personal commitment to the future of European integration. The Chairman, Mr Giscard d'Estaing, and all the members of the Convention feel that the public debate between citizens and organisations from civil society is an important complement to the proceedings of the Convention itself.

In this context, I would like to draw your attention to the "Forum on the Future of Europe" which has been established to facilitate public debate. This Forum is primarily a virtual network based on a website (http://www.europa.eu.int/futurum/forum_convention). Any European or national organisation which has addressed a substantive contribution to the members of the Convention presenting its point of view and its ideas on questions relating to the future of the European Union may participate in this network. Please do follow the debate which will take place on the network and, if you wish to do so, continue to contribute to it through one of the very many organisations representing civil society or the political, professional, academic or other organisations which will be participating in the debate. You may also follow the proceedings of the Convention itself, which will be fully accessible on the Convention website (<http://european-convention.eu.int>). Finally, you have the possibility to share your views with the public through the discussion corner set up on the Futurum Website (http://europa.eu.int/futurum/index_en.htm).

Yours faithfully,



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