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Dear

Before all else I want to apologise for troubling you with another 'Special' - two in a year is one, and perhaps two, too many! it would seem very reasonable to me that if you would attend to this one you should then feel free to take it easy over. ' the normal Autumn Directive later in the year.

Let me explain. In January 1983 it will be ten years since Britain joined the Common Market and the EEC has asked us to find out your views of our membership. This is clearly your chance to let rip if you have strong views one way or another. More seriously it is a chance for us to demonstrate the distinctive value of Mass-Observation material and so to build up support for our work. Finally this Special doesn't distract from our main concern because, of course, membership of the Common Market is related to the cost of living and therefore your contribution will be a valued addition to the work already done over the last year.

This time and never again I hope, I have to give you a deadline. We would like to have your response by October

You will find suggested topics and a short questionnaire overleaf.

Yours sincerely,

David Pocock

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P L E A S E T U R N O V E R.....

COMMON MARKET SPECIAL

PART ONE: SUGGESTED TOPICS

Here are suggestions about topics about which you might like to comment. As always, these are just things to get you thinking and you must feel free to write about the things you think are important.

Membership of the Common Market - a good thing or a bad thing? Political advantages but economic disadvantages, or vice-versa. The Market and unemployment, the Market and jobs here or on the Continent? Common Market legislation: can anyone think of good and/or bad examples of this? Are there any Common Market jokes in circulation, including graffiti? Have we anything to say good or bad about particular fellow members of the Market? The Common Market and holidays abroad. Effects on shops locally.

If the opportunities arise it would be especially useful to have the views of other people as well as your own on any of these topics.

PART TWO: QUESTIONNAIRE

Secondly, here is a very short questionnaire which I would like you to answer as quickly as possible off the top of your head, that is without any research! You might then care to see how many other people know the answers. Don't forget that not knowing is just as important to us as knowing.

1. Before you received this could you have said in what year Britain joined the Common Market?
2. What is the name of your Euro-M.P.?
3. Apart from your own Euro M.P. -how many other Euro-M.P.'s can you name?
4. Can you say who Ivor Richard is?
5. Are you in favour of banning some imports from the Common Market?
6. If your answer to Question 5 was 'Yes', if you could ban just ONE item what would it be?
7. Which geographical areas of the United Kingdom have benefitted most by membership of the Common Market?
8. What geographical areas have suffered most?
9. In the Common Market which of the following four is the largest exporter of butter to this country: France, Germany, Holland or Ireland?
10. What percentage of British exports goes to Common Market countries?
18%, 26%, 43%, 67% or 82%.

PLEASE CAN I HAVE ALL MATERIAL IN BY OCTOBER 15th.