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**PRELIMINARY DRAFT REPLY TO WRITTEN QUESTION
P-1128/01 put by Daniel HANNAN on 4.4.2001**

from : General Secretariat of the Council
to : Permanent Representations of the Member States

Subject : Lobbying for an EU superstate

1. Delegations will find attached:
 - the text of the above Written Question;
 - a preliminary draft reply prepared by the General Secretariat.

2. If no comments have been received from delegations within **10 working days** of today, this preliminary draft reply will be submitted to the Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1) and to the Council for approval.

Any comments received will be examined by the Working Party on General Affairs.

WRITTEN QUESTION P-1128/01
put by Daniel Hannan (PPE-DE)
to the Council

Subject: Lobbying for an EU superstate

It has been alleged that the American Committee for a United Europe made US Administration funds available to organisations campaigning for European integration.

In its answer to Written Question E-3127/00 ¹, the Council failed to reply to part of the question relating to its files. Will it now answer whether it is in possession of any documents relating to this issue?

Will it also now indicate whether ACUE or other intelligence-funded agencies or operations in pursuit of closer European integration have ever been discussed at Council meetings?

Similarly, does the Council have any records relating to funding by non-member states of organisations campaigning in the 1975 UK referendum on membership of the EEC? At what level of classification have they been set up?

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REPLY
to Written Question P-1128/00
put by Daniel HANNAN

Having nothing to add, the Council can only confirm the terms of its reply to the Honourable Member in response to his question E-3127/00.

Since the Council has never been apprised of nor had to discuss the allegations to which the Honourable Member refers, it has no files on this subject of any type whatsoever.
