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Thank you for your letter of 25 November. Copies have been circulated to other Member States. The issues you raise will be discussed at the European Council on 11-12 December.

*Yours faithfully,
John M.*

His Excellency Mr. Carl Bildt



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Jean Stephen,

EC/Sweden : Letters from the Swedish Prime Minister

I enclose the top copies of two letters to the Prime Minister from Mr Carl Bildt. The more formal letter restates Sweden's wish to join the Community on the basis of the Maastricht Treaty and the hope that enlargement negotiations can begin in early 1993. It looks as if this may have gone to all EC Heads of Government.

The informal letter suggests that recent events have made an early enlargement decision even more important. Mr Bildt says he is also writing informally to Chancellor Kohl, President Mitterrand and Mr Amato.

We shall send a draft reply in due course.

(I am copying this letter to David Hadley (Cabinet Office))

Yours ever,

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Mr. John Major
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Dear John,

Enclosed, you will find a letter addressed to you in your capacity as President of the European Council and intended for distribution to the other members of the Council.

Events have been somewhat difficult in Sweden during the last week, and we have been forced to relinquish our fixed exchange rate policy. Following a major parliamentary debate tomorrow, I expect things to settle down.

This makes progress in our European policy all the more important. The initiation of formal negotiations on membership at the beginning of next year at the earliest opportunity, is a matter of considerable importance for my Government and for Sweden.

I believe this to be important for the Community as well. We both know that the public perception of the Community has not been the best in recent months, and a decision to start moving forward on a major issue like enlargement would, in my view, be valuable in this respect. It could also influence the situation in Denmark, as I am sure Poul Schlüter has mentioned to you.

I will be in touch with Chancellor Kohl on this issue early next week, and I intend to write special letters to President Mitterand and Prime Minister Amato as well.

Carl
Carl Bildt



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Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

In the statement of Government policy, which I presented at the opening of the Swedish Parliament on 6 October, I reiterated that the first of the four main tasks of my Government's political programme for the present mandate was to take Sweden into full European cooperation by means of negotiations on membership of the European Community. I stated that our aim is to achieve a decision regarding an agreement on membership following a referendum in 1994, permitting membership in 1995.

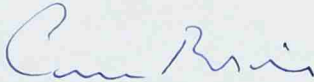
My Government welcomed, in this light, the conclusions of the European Council at its meeting in Lisbon on the opening of enlargement negotiations, with a view to an early conclusion of negotiations with EFTA countries seeking membership of the European Union. We also welcomed the Opinion of the European Commission, which after a thorough substantive review of the Swedish application, recommended the opening of membership negotiations. The Commission's Opinion was subsequently given favourable consideration by the EC General Affairs Council.

Sweden shares the political objectives of the European Community, as laid down in the Maastricht Treaty ("les finalités politiques"). This implies, of course, that we are prepared to conduct membership negotiations on the basis of the Treaty on the European Union.

On the Swedish side we very much hope that the forthcoming European Council meeting in Edinburgh will be successful and that the Council will find it possible to initiate negotiations on enlargement starting early next year.

I firmly believe that early enlargement negotiations will strengthen the political momentum underlying the European Union concept in all the countries concerned. Sweden, for its part, is fully committed to the task of actively contributing to, and participating in, the construction of the new Europe in the framework of the European Union.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Carl Bildt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Carl" and the last name "Bildt" clearly distinguishable.

Carl Bildt