

A letter to Alexander Graf Lambsdorff MEP



To: Alexander Graf Lambsdorff MEP

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Dear Count Lambsdorff,

I heard you on BBC Radio 4 this morning and agreed with you when you said that the UK, as part of the EU, should pay its dues. I understand the exasperation which you and your colleagues must feel with Mr. Cameron. His position is quite untenable. He wants to be in the ever closer union of the EU for ever and ever but does not like the rules. We still have some remnants of democracy here and Mr. Cameron is faced with the long-delayed awakening of the British people to the real nature of the EU project.

Even those who once supported it keenly admit that they were thoroughly deceived. On 28 July 2013, a Mr. John Lidstone wrote to the Daily Telegraph –

“From 1961 to 1972 as part of a team of key businessmen, I spoke to meetings throughout Britain arguing the case for the United Kingdom to join for trade purposes what was then known as the European Common Market. The case for enjoying the benefits of favourable access to a market place of millions of people was overwhelming. Had Ted Heath, the chief negotiator, told the British people what the long term consequences of joining the EU would be, I and my team would never have supported such a policy”.

And, of course, the political class and government knew the consequences very well. As early as 1947, Peter Thorneycroft, later Chancellor of the Exchequer and Chairman of the Conservative Party, wrote in a pamphlet called “Design for

Europe” -

“No government dependent on a democratic vote could possibly agree in advance to the sacrifice that any adequate plan must involve. The British people must be led slowly and unconsciously to the abandonment of their traditional economic defences...not asked.”

So it is hardly surprising that the Foreign Office advised the government in an officially secret document (Ref FCO 30/1048) in 1971

“The transfer of major executive responsibilities to the bureaucratic Commission in Brussels will exacerbate popular feelings of alienation from government. To counter this feeling, strengthened local and regional democratic processes within member states and effective Community economic and social policies will be essential...there would be a major responsibility on HM Government AND ON ALL POLITICAL PARTIES (my emphasis) not to exacerbate public concern by attributing unpopular policies to the remote and unmanageable workings of the Community”.

So devolution and regionalisation were foisted upon us merely to distract people from their powerlessness under this foreign government and the people were to be kept in ignorance of their real rulers.

More recently (2005) the Europhile writer Mark Leonard explained the process in an approving article which he entitled “How the EU deceives its way to Power”.

“Like an invisible hand, the EU operates through existing political structure. There are no European courts, legislatures or business regulations on display in London. The British House of Commons, British law courts and British civil servants are still there but they uphold and implement European law. By creating common standards that are implemented through national institutions, Europe can envelope countries without becoming a target for hostility”.

Well, that no longer applies and your intervention was helpful

in clarifying the situation further.

Another Europhile, Lord Hattersley, understood the sentiments of many British people as long ago as February 2000

“Not only was it wrong for us to deal superficially with what Europe (he meant the EU) involved, but we’ve paid the price for it ever since, because every time there is a crisis in Europe (the EU), people say with some justification . “Well, we would not have been part of this if we’d really known the implications”.

The fundamentally authoritarian, over-mighty nature of the EU project is now too blatant to be further concealed, so British public sentiment today is very much stronger.

Members of this campaign come from across the constitutional political mainstream from the Labour Euro Safeguards Campaign on the Left to the Freedom Association on the Right and our individual members of all parties and none are from the same spectrum.

We would like to be on good terms with our European neighbours. If they wish to merge their states into a single government of the EU or of the Eurozone, that is their business – but we do not want to be part of it – and never did. We were deceived from the beginning about the true intention – by our own politicians rather than anyone else. In spite of over forty years of their deceitful striving against our traditions, liberties and instincts they have never been able to make us settle down and be happy under this yoke. That is why Mr. Cameron is in such an impossible position.

So, it is time for Article 50 in the Lisbon treaty to be invoked which is somewhat like the introduction of divorce in the Irish Republic. A friend remarked of one couple who had parted after a long, unhappy marriage. “Sure, those two will get on better together when they’re apart”. Only an Irishman could put it like that but I think it sums up the position

between the people of the United Kingdom and the EU exactly.
It would be kind to encourage Mr. Cameron to take this view.

We would be spared the embarrassment of our country's leader
in an untenable, dishonourable position and you and your
colleagues would be rid of much future exasperation.

Yours sincerely,

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