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CIRCULAR NOTE

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs present their compliments to the Heads of Foreign Missions accredited in Helsinki and have the honour by request of Mr. Jaakko Iloniemi, Managing Director of the Centre for Finnish Business and Policy Studies and Chief Organizer of the annual Bilderberg Conference to send a letter addressed by him to the Heads of Foreign Missions relating to the arrangements of the Bilderberg Conference.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs avail themselves of this opportunity to renew to the Heads of Foreign Missions the assurances of their highest consideration.

Helsinki, 20 May 1994

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To the Heads of
Foreign Missions in Helsinki

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Excellencies,

Some heads of diplomatic missions accredited to Finland have approached me, in my capacity as the chief organizer of the forthcoming annual Bilderberg Conference, asking questions about the Conference itself and about participation from their respective countries. In order to assist the diplomatic missions in their rôle I would like to convey the following information.

Bilderberg Meetings is a private, informal gathering of West-European and American business leaders, politicians, journalists etc. The discussions will be held off the record. At the meetings, no resolutions are proposed, no votes taken and no policy statements issued. Bilderberg is a flexible international leadership forum in which different viewpoints can be expressed and mutual understanding enhanced.

All participants, regardless of rank, attend Bilderberg in a private capacity and not in an official capacity.

All arrangements are the sole responsibility of the host country organizers and the Bilderberg secretariat in Amsterdam. This includes transportation from and to the airport, accommodation, all meals and opportunities for recreation. It is, of course, the choice of the participants to what degree they wish to be in touch, outside the conference premises, with non-participating friends or acquaintances.

Should a head of a diplomatic mission wish to be in touch with a participant, of whose attendance he/she has been notified by the participant concerned, he/she is kindly requested to make arrangements through the Conference secretariat which opens at hotel Kalastajatorppa on Thursday, June 2nd (phone 4581 263). A complete list of the participants will be published only on that day. This is for security reasons.

It is regretted that standard Bilderberg practise , established already 40 years ago, does not allow for any social gatherings with non-participating citizens of the host country nor with the members of corps diplomatique in the host country.

If there are any questions, I would be pleased to try to respond. Mrs Mirja Jarimo-Lehtinen in my office is fully briefed of all details and she is also available for information.

Respectfully yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Jaakko Iloniemi', written in dark ink.

Jaakko Iloniemi