WRITTEN QUESTION P-1644/06 by Romano La Russa (UEN) to the Commission

Subject: Prodi and the KGB

At the end of the sitting of Monday, 3 April 2006 in Strasbourg, the English MEP Gerard Batten levelled serious accusations against the former President of the European Commission, Romano Prodi, whom he feared might have been acting as a KGB agent.

Mr Batten even mentioned names and surnames, thereby awarding credence to something which, should it prove to be true, would forever blemish Europe and Italy. What possible credibility would Europe have in the future if it were discovered that the President of the European Commission was in some way connected with the Russian secret services?

In the light of the above, will the Commission:

- set up a committee of enquiry to establish whether Mr Prodi's actions were in any way influenced by the KGB;
- shed light on the accusations made by Mr Batten and on the possibility of abetment;
- take a stance on this matter and clarify the whole affair?

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