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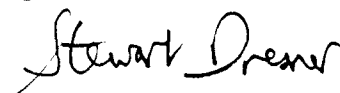
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After hearing three presentations by the authors of the European Community draft directive in six weeks, in Cambridge, Paris and Luxembourg, I now have a good understanding of its underlying principles, its content and implications for users of personal data. I am pleased to share with you questions put by the participants at our September annual conference and answers from both D-G 3 and D-G 13 (see page 5). Contact me if you have more!

The Data Protection Authorities themselves are unclear about several points and will wish to suggest changes. They are meeting to coordinate their response on November 30 in Wiesbaden, Germany, at the office of Professor Dr. Spiro Simitis, Hesse Data Protection Commissioner.

The draft directive is so important that I have enclosed the complete text of the final English version, together with its lengthy explanatory memorandum - now available from our office in all EC official languages.

The International Conference of Data Protection Commissioners in Paris, and the D-G 13 Legal Advisory Board in Luxembourg, both of which I was privileged to attend as an observer, provided a wealth of information and insights so that reports will be spread over two issues. Also here, our first major feature on privacy in the USA; a completely updated directory of Data Protection Authorities; and the provisional programme for our 1991 mid-summer annual conference in Cambridge. Please reserve July 2-4th in your diary now.



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