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Dear Olli,

It was a real pleasure for me to receive your kind invitation for this travel in Finland, next July 2<sup>nd</sup>. I would have been very happy to attend this festival with you. Unfortunately, I must travel to China for an important aviation summit that week.

The Chinese fixed me the day, and it would be very difficult for me to make them change the date.

I would probably not be back for the weekend on which you offered to welcome me in Finland.

I don't know if there are other festivals in your town or in your area during summer... If it is the case, we could look for another date. But in any case, next year I would be delighted to accept your invitation.

On another subject, I may remind you of the issue I raised with you relating to abandoned children in Romania and the importance I attach to it.

The president of the association who asked for an appointment with you is [REDACTED]  
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He has made this fight for Romanian children one of the great commitments of his life. I think he is right in this case. Our colleague Frattini shares, I see, my analysis that the Romanian Prime Minister could be questioned on the possibilities to resume adoptions following international rules. I know that this matter is tricky. On one hand it is necessary to prevent all new risks of corruption or organised traffic. On the other hand, it is impossible to let Romanian children be abandoned, when national adoptions and the renovation of social structures are far from being able to cope with the new cases every year. Consequently, as Commissioner for enlargement, you are the only one that can arbitrate in this conflict.

It is very important, I can tell you, and many persons of great quality, in France especially, are very concerned by this problem. Please forgive my insistence. You know all my friendship and how much I trust on you, thank you.

*Mein Olli*  
*de ton aide*  
*Amiké*

*JB*  
Jacques BARROT

Annex : 1

Mr Olli Rehn  
Member of the European Commission  
in charge of enlargement  
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