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Caption: On 30 June 1950, Konrad Adenauer sends a letter to Robert Schuman in which he thanks the French Foreign Minister and assures him of his support in the forthcoming negotiations on the implementation of a coal and steel pool in Western Europe.

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Federal Republic of Germany
The Federal Chancellor

<div align="right">Bonn, 30 June 1950</div>

To His Excellency
Mr Robert Schuman

Paris
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Dear Mr President,

Thank you very much for the message which you also sent to the Foreign Ministers of Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg. I believe that I have no need to tell you that I wholeheartedly support the ideas that you express. We shall bring the nations of western Europe together into a viable community only if we succeed in ensuring their cooperation in specific areas. Your great plan, which you announced for the first time on 9 May, points the way forward. However, we shall achieve success along this path only if all those taking part in the negotiations in Paris put the principal task, the creation of a genuine federation, before self-serving economic interests.

It gives me great delight and satisfaction to be able to work with you.

Yours faithfully,

<div align="right">Adenauer</div>