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Long discussion with Patrick on the mess. He alerted me to an article in our favourite newspaper in F written by again the same journalist. It's about the EIB and refers to your JR etc. It shows Romania as a total mess, poverty etc. And incapable government. The titel refers to Copenhagen, to make sure, I guess, that the big leaders don't miss the link. It's getting worse and worse. And I'm all of the sudden afraid. Perhaps because I'm siple too tired at the moment.

The US Desk, someone else then my usual contact called me, because there is another EU-US meeting on 17 December. She wanted details about the group, which I didn't give. I told her there would be an initial reaction before end of year and final reaction end January. She said her Director needs details. She wanted to know what the first reaction of the group was on the legislation. I said I couldn't give any info. She said if I didnt give anything the US might start to call me every day, as they do now with RELEX. I said that that would be highly unlikely, because the US knows that they get nothing from me.

She asked if the group's opinion would be given to the US. I said : NO, the Commission works with Ro on enlargement, not with the US.  
Anyway, very tensed discussion. Need to find out now who director is.

The spanish have joined the Fr e-group again. Here the latest news on "pipelines"