

## Letter from Filippo Caracciolo to Representatives to the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe (Strasbourg, 7 December 1951)

**Caption:** In this letter dated December 1951, the Deputy Secretary-General of the Council of Europe, Filippo Caracciolo, seeks the opinion of the Representatives to the Consultative Assembly on the 12 flags proposed as the symbol of the European organisation.

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COUNCIL OF EUROPE  
SECRETARIAT-GENERAL

Strasbourg, 7th December, 1951

Monsieur le Représentant,

The Council of Europe has at present no flag of its own. It flies the colours of the fifteen Member States, and obviously cannot convert to its own use flags belonging to private movements, however widely supported these movements may be.

These circumstances led the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges to decide a few days ago that before making any decisions regarding the form of a European flag, it should ask the Secretariat to circulate in writing to the Representatives of the Assembly a request for their opinion on the matter.

I have the honour accordingly to submit herewith

- (1) Twelve cards in colour, repeating a selection of the most characteristic designs, which was originally made by the Secretariat General at the request of the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges;
- (2) A memorandum explanatory of these designs, which was also prepared for the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges;

and

- (3) A form of reply, which you are hereby requested to be good enough to fill in and return as soon as possible, and in any case not later than Monday, 10th December, to Monsieur Caracciolo, Clerk of the Assembly.

Thanking you in anticipation for your kind attention to the matter, I beg to remain, Monsieur le Représentant,

Your most obedient Servant,

[signature]  
F. Caracciolo  
Deputy Secretary-General  
Clerk of the Assembly