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HR specialist's advice - commissioned by UK Prime Minister

Subject: Boris Johnson

This candidate has a varied background with wealthy English, French and Turkish antecedents and was born in New York City. His ancestors claimed descent from King George II.

He received a superior education at Eton and Balliol College Oxford. At both institutions he was popular with his fellow students but faculty considered him irresponsible, lazy and juvenile. He did, however win the Classics Prize at Oxford which explains his unusual predilection for Latin phrases when making speeches.

He pursued a career as a journalist reporting from Brussels, inventing many stories about EU regulations (straight bananas, left thread screws, harmonised toilet paper, etc.) which the then British government – pro-EU at the time - went to great trouble to refute.

He became an MP and then Mayor of London. His tenure as Mayor was marked by the Olympics in whose organisation he had no hand, but for which he received many plaudits. He made innumerable and continuous trips abroad, ostensibly to encourage financial investment in the City. How profound is his knowledge of financial matters cannot be established.

I consulted the Director of our Brussels office as to possible European reactions to the appointment of the subject as Foreign Secretary. He reported as follows:

“When the subject was a journalist in BRX, he was extremely unpopular with one segment of Brussels society – the Eurocrats, whom he was for ever ridiculing in his columns. At the time, there were only 9,500 of them, so it was a relatively small segment of society. With the rest of the Bruxellois (and their ladies, one should add) he was a great favourite. He was viewed as the quintessential English eccentric. And I can say, as one who has attended many cocktail parties at which he was present, he was seen as a jolly good chap and a very amusing companion. Even our German cousins applauded his jokes. His negociational skills may lack precision and foresight but he makes up for that with sheer effrontery. These unusual competences may prove successful in the European environment.”

My fellow directors and I have come to the conclusion that the subject is perfectly adapted to the demanding role of Foreign Secretary. However, I should add that our first choice for the post would have been Donald Trump, but of course he is not a British citizen.

