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FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY
THE FEDERAL CHANCELLOR

PRIME MINISTER'S
BONN., 7. OCTOBER 1980

DEAR PRIME MINISTER,
DEAR MARGARET,

PERSONAL MESSAGE

SERIAL No. T/96/80.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TELEGRAM OF 28 SEPTEMBER. I SHARE YOUR CONCERN
OVER DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PERSIAN GULF WHICH IN VARIOUS WAYS HAVE
GIVEN RISE TO SERIOUS DANGER. AS REGARDS OUR OIL SUPPLIES FROM THE
PERSIAN GULF, THESE MATTERS WERE DISCUSSES IN DEPTH AT THE MEETING OF

THE OIL MARKET GROUP OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY ON 29 AND
30 SEPTEMBER IN PARIS.

IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DANGEROUS IF THE FIGHTING WERE TO CONTINUE FOR
MUCH LONGER. OUR AMBASSADORS IN BAGHDAD AND THIRAN HAVE THEREFORE
BEEN INSTRUCTED TO CALL IN THE PRESIDENTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES TO STRE^S

THAT WE CONSIDER IT URGENTLY NECESSARY THAT THE FIGHTING SHOULD BE
LOCALIZED AND STOPPED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND THAT FREE PASSAGE FO^R

SHIPPING IN THE GULF SHOULD BE GUARANTEED. THE SAME HAS BEEN COM-
MUNICATED TO THE IRAQI AMBASSADOR AND THE IRANIAN CHARGE D AFFAIRES
IN BONN.

I AGREE WITH YOU THAT WE CHOULD REMAIN IN CLOSE CONSULTATION ON THE
FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS. I, TOO, DEEM IT DESIRABLE THAT THE FOUR POLI-
TICAL DIRECTORS SHOULD BEGIN CONSULTATIONS ON THIS MATTER WITHIN THE
FRAMEWORK OF THE CO-OPERATION WITHIN THE GROUP OF FOUR WHICH
HAS PROVED SO VALUABLE UP TO NOW. I THINK THAT THE FRENCH SIDE
WILL SEND OUT INVITATIONS FOR A MEETING OF THIS KIND AS SOON AS
M. FRANCOIS-PONCET RETURNS FROM NEW YORK. WE WOULD LIKE THE MEETING
TO BE HELD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

YOURS SINCERELY,
HELMUT SCHMIDT

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