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RECORD OF A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT AND THE PRIME MINISTER ON WEDNESDAY 16 MARCH 1977

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PRIME MINISTER'S

PERSONAL MESSAGE

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PM: Helmut, how are you?

Schmidt: I am very well, thank you. Did you have a good trip?

PM: Yes I had a good trip and Genscher will no doubt have told you about his visit too. As far as the Summit is concerned I spoke to Giscard and he agrees that we should have our meeting of the four on Monday morning. So, that will be agreeable to you will it?

Schmidt: Definitely.

PM: That is fine. Then what I would propose is that we should start at 1000 and we can then go straight on - on Saturday morning - and then we can go straight on through Sunday and Monday. And if that is all right by you that is what I would like to do. And Giscard would like to get away on Monday lunch time.

Schmidt: That would be around 1 p.m.?

PM: I would think so. But then between ourselves, I am quite certain that President Carter is going to stay for the Tuesday NATO Meeting and so I do not know whether you would wish to stay or not?

Schmidt: I would stay certainly. I want to be personally present at the NATO Council when he comes there and you come there. And also I need to have a two-hour talk or so with Jimmy Carter which is already in the making.

PM: That is fine.

Schmidt: It will be on Monday afternoon or Monday night.

PM: That is fine. That would be absolutely splendid. You would have enough time to do that then. Because I think that there are some things that you need to clear up with him as far as I can see. Well that is good then so we have the Monday afternoon and evening free. Now what I assumed for the two days we are together - the Saturday and the Sunday - was that it would be as before, a working Conference, no social events, except there is this one. That The Queen would be ready to give a dinner for the Heads of Government and the Finance and Foreign Ministers at the Palace on Saturday evening. Now I mentioned it to President Carter because only heard it the day I was going and he said he would very much like it. Giscard said he would. What do you feel, Helmut?

Schmidt: Well, that closes the case, I will.

PM: It does rather, yes. Still I am putting it to you formally. No, I think we will have to eat somewhere on the Saturday night, if I may put it in that way and I think it would be very nice if we went along.

Schmidt: Oh, yes!

PM: All right then.

Schmidt: I think it would also not only suit The Queen but also the British public.

PM: I think so too. I am sure it would. It would look very nice. Now on other arrangements for the Summit, President Carter said to me on a couple of occasions that he wished to see the Community strengthened and that in that context he wanted to see the Commission represented. He wanted Jenkins there. I explained to him that this was a matter entirely for the Community to decide - which he understood - and I told him that privately I did not want to say anything against

Roy Jenkins, as an old colleague, but privately my view was the Community would be adequately represented if you and Giscard and myself were there with Andreotti. But I just passed this on to you because I am sure the matter will be raised with you. I told him I would go along with the consensus, like the rest of us do.

Schmidt: That is the same attitude I am going to take. We have reserved our position so far. We have only said that of course the Community ought to be represented and we have left this open whether this is going to be done by you or by Jenkins. Giscard is rather stubborn on this point.

PM: Yes Giscard is. He said so to me again just now when I spoke to him.

Schmidt: I would not be surprised.

PM: So that is something we shall have to clear up over dinner or something when we get there.

Schmidt: Perhaps <sup>as</sup> /the Presidential Prime Minister, you should talk privately with Giscard and say that including Italy, all the other countries want Jenkins to be there. That we so far have reserved our position but that ultimately it depends on him because we could fall either way.

PM: Yes, understood. We will do that. I don't think there was anything else I wanted to mention. I don't know what Genscher said but I would President Carter to be a very impressive person. He has a well-stocked mind, a well ordered mind and knows what he wants and I think is certainly none of his initiatives have been off the cuff, they have been taken out of a background of real thinking about the issues. So I think we shall find him quite a formidable person to deal with and to have on one's side. He is very attached to Europe, there is no doubt about that. And I don't think we need have too many worries about his attitude on things like detente and arms control. He is quite realistic enough to know that some of the initiatives he has taken would

