

PRIME MINISTER'S PERSONAL MESSAGE

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Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Thank you for your letter about the Summit meeting in England.

I am delighted that you are prepared to host the meeting. May 7 and 8 are good dates for me.

I am also glad that you like the idea of talks among the four with Berlin responsibilities, but believe it might be better if they were scheduled May 9 rather than May 6, to avoid embarrassing the others attending the Summit, who might conclude that the purpose of a May 6 meeting among the four was to prepare for the Summit meeting itself.

I welcome John Hunt's appointment and I gather that he and Henry Owen have already been in touch with each other about the timing and place of an early preparatory meeting.

I look forward to seeing you in Washington, and to hearing how discussions about European Community representation are proceeding.

Sincerely,

The Right Honorable James Callaghan Prime Minister London, England