

GERMANY



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Dear Dr. Kohl,

Thank you very much indeed for your kind letter of 18 December.

I am immensely grateful to you for what you have done over many years to ensure closer liaison between our two Parties. In particular, I know that our Organisation, Information and Research Departments have learnt a very great deal from their various visits to your Party's Headquarters in Bonn, as indeed did I myself when you kindly took me round in 1975.

I know just how important next year is going to be for the CDU and CSU, and I shall be following the campaign in your country with great interest.

I wish you a very happy 1980.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Dr. Helmut Kohl.