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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

Prime Minister

Please do not bother with the transport arrangement which I will sort out. But are you content with the attached programme?

Yes mb

25 October 1982

Dear John,

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Anglo-German Summit: Programme

We have been discussing the programme for the Anglo-German Summit and in particular the question of aircraft. We have considerable difficulty in reconciling the requirements of the various Ministers, but the following now seems to be the best option under the circumstances.

Both the HS 125 and the Andover would leave at 1610. The Prime Minister's party would travel separately in the HS 125, thus giving her the opportunity of leaving as soon as she is free. The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Secretary of State for Defence (and Mr Jenkin if he comes) would travel in the Andover with their officials.

Assuming departure times as above, the Prime Minister's aircraft would arrive in Bonn at 1830, allowing sufficient time for a good session with Chancellor Kohl before dinner. The Andover would arrive at 1900. This would mean in practice that the first appointments for those in the Andover would be at 1930. Mr Pym plans to see Herr Genscher at 2000. Mr Nott would see Dr Wörner at 1930. I understand that Sir G Howe is particularly anxious to have a lengthy session with Herr Stoltenberg; this would be possible from 1930 until dinner at 2045. The Chancellor of the Exchequer will of course want to see Graf Lambsdorff separately; he could do this either after dinner (ie about 2230) or the following morning (while the Prime Minister is having her tête-à-tête with Dr Kohl). This would mean that Mr Jenkin, if he comes, could see Graf Lambsdorff before dinner at 2200 (the earliest time at which we understand Graf Lambsdorff would be available).

Turning to the rest of the visit, I enclose a programme for the Prime Minister which assumes that the usual mid-Summit briefing session will be held first thing on the morning of the 29th, and that the Prime Minister is content with the German suggestion that she have a short tête-à-tête with Chancellor Kohl before the plenary session; this could depend on how much ground was left to cover but we would suggest half an hour, which would still leave 1 3/4 hours for the plenary. I should be grateful if you could confirm the Prime Minister's agreement to a programme on these lines.

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I am sending copies of this letter, with separate programmes on the above assumptions, to the Private Secretaries to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and to the Secretaries of State for Defence and Industry. I should stress that, given the uncertainty over aircraft, the proposed appointments with Herr Stoltenberg and Graf Lambsdorff have not yet been finally agreed with the Germans.

Yours ever

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. E. Holmes', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

(J E Holmes)
Private Secretary

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ANGLO-GERMAN SUMMIT: 28-29 OCTOBER: PROGRAMME FOR THE PRIME MINISTER

Thursday 28 October

1610 Take off from RAF Northolt in HS 125

1830 Arrive at Cologne/Bonn airport

1835 Leave Airport for HM Ambassador's Residence

1900 Arrive Residence

1920 Leave Residence for Federal Chancellor's Office

1930 Arrive Federal Chancellor's Office

1935 Talks with Chancellor Kohl at Federal Chancellor's Office

2045 Dinner at Federal Chancellor's Office for Heads of Government, Foreign Ministers, Ambassadors and two note-takers

2230 Return to Residence

Friday 29 October

0815 Briefing Meeting at Residence

0850 Leave Residence for Federal Chancellor's Office

0900 Arrive Federal Chancellor's Office. Official welcoming ceremony, guard of honour

0915 Tête-à-tête between Prime Minister and Chancellor Kohl

0945 Plenary Session at Federal Chancellor's Office

1130 Joint Press Conference with Chancellor Kohl in press room of Federal Chancellor's Office

1230 Leave Federal Chancellor's Office for Cologne/Bonn Airport

1300 Take off for Berlin in Andover