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MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO CHANCELLOR KOHL

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Dear Herr Chancellor,

PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. T62/83

In the message I sent you on 9 May I said that, with our election on 9 June, the question of our budget problem was now all the more critical and urgent and that I hoped we could find a solution at the Foreign Affairs Council on 24 May.

If we are to achieve this, the discussion by Foreign Ministers at Gymnich next weekend will be crucial. I thought it would be helpful if I explained to you in advance of that meeting the progress which, in our view, it will be necessary to make there.

Discussion in the Community of a detailed solution has got nowhere and we have come to the conclusion that the only way to get this moving is to table the main elements of a solution at Gymnich. I am instructing our Ambassador to let you have the details of what we shall be proposing. In essence this is that the Community should agree a solution on the same basis as those for 1980, 1981 and 1982. I very much hope that you and Herr Genscher will be able to give this your support. I can see no other basis on which we are likely to get agreement.

I know you will fully appreciate the reasons why, in the present situation, we have to make an exceptional effort to obtain a solution. I am most grateful for the special understanding you have shown in all our recent contacts.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

MARGARET THATCHER