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From the Private Secretary

21 March 1982

Dear Brian,

Anglo-German Summit

I enclose records of:-

- a) The Prime Minister's tête-à-tête conversation with Chancellor Schmidt at Chequers on Friday, 19 March.
- b) The further conversation between the Prime Minister and Chancellor Schmidt, in which Lord Carrington and Herr Genscher participated.
- c) The conversation over lunch when the four principals were joined by the German Ambassador and Sir Jock Taylor.

In view of the delicacy of the subject matter, the Prime Minister wishes the circulation of these records to be extremely restricted. In general they should not go beyond the Ministers directly concerned and those of their senior officials who need, for operational reasons, to know what transpired.

I am copying this letter and enclosures to John Kerr (HM Treasury), David Omand (Ministry of Defence), John Rhodes (Department of Trade), Jonathan Spencer (Department of Industry), David Wright (Cabinet Office), and Robert Lawson (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food).

Yours ever
John Kerr

Brian Fall Esq
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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CHEQUERS: ANGLO-GERMAN SUMMIT 19 MARCH 1982

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| 10.15 - 11.45 | Tete-a-tete talks between Chancellor Schmidt and the Prime Minister | <i>Handy Room</i> ?Library |
| 10.15- 11.45 | Tete-a-tete talks between Herr Genscher and Lord Carrington | <i>Library</i> ?White Parlour |
| 11.45- 1315 | Talks between Prime Minister, Chancellor Schmidt, Lord Carrington and Herr Genscher | ?Library |
| | Pre Lunch drinks (venue to be agreed) | |
| 1315 for 1330 | Lunch | |
| 1530- 1700 | Plenary Session at Chequers | Great Parlour |
| 1700- 1720 | Tea (venue to be agreed) | |
| 1730- 1830 | Press Conference at RAF Halton | |
| | Pre Dinner Drinks | Great Hall |
| 1845 for 1900 | Dinner | |

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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16 March 1982

Dear John,

Anglo-German Summit: 19 March

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You asked for advice on official participation at the bilateral talks at Chequers, and at the Plenary Session.

We assume that the discussions between the Prime Minister and Chancellor Schmidt will, as usual, be *tete-à-tete*, with only one note-taker on each side. For his talks with Herr Genscher, my Secretary of State will be accompanied by Michael Palliser, Julian Bullard, Tom Bridges, David Gillmore, David Gladstone, David Hancock and myself. We shall invite the Germans to field a similar team. For the meeting between the four principals, we suggest that they be accompanied by the two Ambassadors and by a note-taker on each side. | x

As for the Plenary Session, the Prime Minister will wish, I assume, to keep numbers down. We suggest therefore that Ministers (both British and German) be generally limited to one official each; it would, however, perhaps make sense for Herr Genscher (and so Lord Carrington) to be accompanied by two, in which case Michael Palliser and Julian Bullard would attend from here. In addition we should, as in the past, include the two Ambassadors and say two record takers from the German Embassy.

In your letter of 12 March you informed us of the Prime Minister's decisions on lunch and dinner. We have since heard that Herr von der Gablentz will act as Private Secretary for the main lunch, while Herr Becker, Herr von Ploetz and Herr Frickhinger will attend the subsidiary lunch at Chequers. The remainder of the German party will lunch at the Bernard Arms.

I am sending a copy of this letter to John Kerr (HM Treasury), Jonathan Spencer (Department of Industry), John Rhodes (Department of Trade), David Omand (Ministry of Defence) and Robert Lawson (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food).

Yours ever.

(F N Richards)
Private Secretary

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PRIME MINISTER

Schmidt visit to Chequers
on Friday

If you leave your clothes
out, I will pack them for you as
you will be leaving straight
from Claridges after the Oman
banquet.

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16 March 1982

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From the Private Secretary

12 March 1982

ANGLO/GERMAN SUMMIT: PROGRAMME

Thank you for your letters of 8 and 11 March.

The proposals in the first of your letters pose no difficulty. The revised outline programme is acceptable though, as your second letter suggests, dinner will now be brought forward to 1845 for 1900.

On the other matters referred to in your letter of 11 March, the Prime Minister's views are as follows:

(a) Mrs. Thatcher would prefer the lunch to be smaller in composition than you propose. She would therefore like the four principals to be joined by the two Ambassadors and one Private Secretary from each side. We shall also arrange a separate lunch at Chequers for some of the immediate entourage of the four principals. This would be for a total of about six. On our side, there would be places for Bernard Ingham, Brian Fall and myself (Clive Whitmore will attend the main lunch). Perhaps you could let me know in due course which three members of the German side would like to join us. As you suggest, other senior British and German officials could lunch at the Bernard Arms Hotel.

(b) As to dinner, the Prime Minister agrees that there should be a total of 18 consisting of the Ministerial participants plus, on our side, Sir Jock Taylor, Sir Robert Armstrong and either Clive Whitmore or myself and, on the German side, Dr. Ruhfus and Herr Becker. I note that Sir Michael Palliser would then give a dinner for other senior British and German officials at The Bell, Aston Clinton.

(c) The Prime Minister will meet Chancellor Schmidt at RAF Benson.

(d) No speeches or toasts. The Prime Minister will say a very few words, if any, after dinner. It would be helpful, against that contingency, to have one side of brief speaking notes.

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(e) The Prime Minister agrees that a helicopter should be provided to take Herr Schmidt to Uckfield and back on Saturday.

(f) As to interpreters, we think that Herr Genscher's office should be asked whether he would like us to provide an interpreter. If he is entirely content to use his own interpreter then none need be provided on our side.

I am sending a copy of this letter to John Kerr (HM Treasury), Jonathan Spencer (Department of Industry), John Rhodes (Department of Trade), David Omand (Ministry of Defence) and Robert Lowson (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food).

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12 March 1982

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Private Secretary
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Dear Francis,

ANGLO-GERMAN SUMMIT PROGRAMME

The Chancellor has seen your letter of ^{TPM} 8 March to John Coles. The Chancellor is content to host a lunch for Economic Ministers. As Lancaster House is now unavailable he is content for the lunch to take place in No. 11 Downing Street. I understand that Mr McCleary (Western European Department) is in touch with Government Hospitality Fund and Mr Davy at No. 11 to finalise arrangements. We would envisage a party of between 12 and 14.

On a separate question raised directly with me by Western European Department I can confirm the Chancellor will be content for Mr Biffen to join him and Herr Matthöfer for a quarter of an hour at the end of the morning session (ie at 12.15 p.m.) in No. 11 to discuss insurance.

Copies go to the Private Secretaries to the Prime Minister, The Secretaries of State for Industry, Trade and Defence, and to the Minister of Agriculture.

Yours,

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PRIME MINISTER

ANGLO/GERMAN SUMMIT: 19 MARCH

I attach the draft programme and a letter of advice from the FCO. It would be helpful if you could take decisions on the following tonight.

Lunch

The alternatives are:

(a) just yourself, Herr Schmidt and the two Foreign Secretaries;

Yes (b) the above plus perhaps the two Ambassadors and one Private Secretary from ^{each} ~~our~~ side;

(c) the larger lunch suggested in para. 2 of the FCO letter.

You will wish to bear in mind that during the morning you will have had a long tete-a-tete with Chancellor Schmidt and a further 90 minutes with the two Foreign Ministers. You may therefore wish to go for (c) above so that you can broaden the discussion over lunch. Which would you prefer?

Dinner

Yes (a) Do you agree to make the numbers up to 18 as proposed in the FCO letter (perhaps you could let Clive and I decide which of us filled ~~ed~~ the Private Secretary seat)?

Yes (b) Agree that dinner should be 1845 for 1900?

Arrival

Will you go to RAF Benson to meet Herr Schmidt? *Yes*

Speeches

Agree only a few informal words after dinner? *Yes*

Helicopter

Helicopter

Agree that we should provide one to take Herr Schmidt to see Mr. Callaghan on Saturday and bring him back?

Yes mt

Interpretors

See last para. of FCO letter. I think we should ask Herr Genscher whether he wants an interpreter. Agree?

Yes

A.J.C.

11 March 1982



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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11 March 1982

Dear John,

Anglo-German Summit: 19 March

With your letter of 22 February you enclosed the outline programme for next week's Anglo-German Summit, as approved by the Prime Minister. We have since agreed with the FRG Embassy that the German party will stay on for dinner on Friday evening (we now know that Chancellor Schmidt will spend the night in London).

2. You asked for our advice on who should be included in the two meals at Chequers. For the lunch we would suggest that the four principals be joined by Sir J Taylor, Sir R Armstrong, Sir M Palliser, Mr Bullard, Lord Bridges and yourself on the UK side, and by Dr Ruhfus, Herr Becker, Herr von der Gablentz, Herr Heick, Dr Pfeffer and Dr Fischer on the German side.

(I attach at Annex a list of the German delegation.) Other senior British and German officials could lunch at the Bernard Arms Hotel.

3. For the dinner we suggest that the Ministerial participants be joined by Sir J Taylor, Sir R Armstrong, and yourself on the UK side and by Dr Ruhfus and Herr Becker on the German side. This would make the numbers up to 18. (We now know that Herr Rohr and thus Mr Walker will definitely be participating in the Summit.) Sir M Palliser would then be left free to act as host for a dinner for other senior British and German officials at The Bell, Aston Clinton.

4. You also asked us to consider whether anything can usefully be done in the gap which may arise between the Prime Minister's lunch and the beginning of the Plenary Session at 1530. (I understand this revised timing is acceptable to you.) We have discussed this with the German Embassy and agreed that it would be best to play things by ear. The Federal Chancellor, the Prime Minister and the two Foreign Ministers may wish to use the time to read papers or prepare themselves for the Plenary; alternatively they may just wish to relax by strolling round the gardens at Chequers, if it is fine; or they may wish to continue their discussions over coffee.

/We should like



We should like to seek your guidance on some further points:

(i) The last time the Summit was held in the UK both the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State went out to RAF Benson to meet their German opposite numbers. The Secretary of State intends to do the same again this time. Can we assume that the Prime Minister will also wish to go out to Benson? We can decide on departure arrangements when we know Chancellor Schmidt's movements for certain.

Yes

Very few words if any.

(ii) The Germans have asked whether there will be speeches/toasts at the dinner. We have told them that, subject to the Prime Minister's views, we do not anticipate formal speeches, given the private and informal nature of the occasion. We propose that the Prime Minister say a few words after dinner. If you agree, we shall provide short speaking notes.

(iii) Chancellor Schmidt has let it be known that he would like to spend as much of Friday evening as possible with his daughter, who works in the City. He would like us therefore to move the dinner forward by half an hour from 1915 for 1930 to 1845 for 1900. Herr Schmidt could thus leave for London about 2100. I realize that this means that dinner will be very early, and that there will be virtually no gap between the Press Conference at RAF Halton and pre-dinner drinks. But I hope you can agree that this move would be acceptable under the circumstances.

(iv) Mr James Callaghan has invited Chancellor Schmidt to spend the Saturday morning and lunch with him on his farm near Uckfield, Sussex. Herr Schmidt is reluctant to travel the two hours by car (each way) that this would entail. He has asked therefore if we can provide a helicopter (one was provided to take him to the Konigswinter Conference in Cambridge after the Summit two years ago). Would the Prime Minister agree that this request should be met? *Yes of course*

(v) Of the principal German participants only Herr Genscher and Dr Schlecht are not completely comfortable in English. We are hiring an interpreter for Dr Schlecht's talks in London with Mr Biffen and Mr Jenkin and the same interpreter will be present for the Plenary. Subject to the Prime Minister's views, however, we would not propose to lay on an interpreter for the morning sessions at Chequers. Herr Genscher understands English perfectly well, although he sometimes prefers to speak German himself; he will in any case be bringing his own interpreter.

A J Coles Esq
10 Downing Street

John Coles
(F N Richards)
Francis Richards
Private Secretary

ANGLO-GERMAN SUMMIT : 19 MARCH

PROVISIONAL LIST OF GERMAN DELEGATION

Federal Chancellor's Delegation

Herr Schmidt
Herr Becker, State Secretary, Federal Government Spokesman
Herr von der Gablentz, Deputy Secretary
Herr Heick, Deputy Secretary
Herr Fischer-Dieskau, Assistant Secretary
Herr Frickinger, Private Secretary

Foreign Minister's Delegation

Herr Genscher
Herr Pfeffer, Deputy Secretary
Dr Fischer, Deputy Secretary
Dr Schenk, Assistant Secretary
Herr Paschke, Assistant Secretary
Herr Weber, Interpreter
Dr von Ploetz, Principal Officer
Herr Rothen

Finance Minister's Delegation

Herr Matthöfer
Herr Heck, Deputy Secretary
Herr Hansland, Principal Officer

Defence Minister's Delegation

Dr Apel
Dr Leister, State Secretary
Gen Stuetzle, Deputy Secretary
Col Freisberg

Economic Ministry Delegation

Dr Schlecht, State Secretary
Herr Mueller-Thuns, Deputy Secretary
Frau Scheben

Agriculture Ministry Delegation

Herr Rohr, State Secretary
Herr Witt, Assistant Secretary

ANGLO-GERMAN SUMMIT: 19 MARCH 1982

OUTLINE PROGRAMME

- 0930 Chancellor Schmidt and Herr Genscher arrive at RAF Benson
- 0930 Other German Ministers arrive at RAF Northolt
- 1015 Chancellor Schmidt and Herr Genscher arrive at Chequers
- 1015-1145 Tête-à-tête talks between Chancellor Schmidt and Prime Minister at Chequers
- 1015-1145 Tête-à-tête talks between Herr Genscher and Lord Carrington at Chequers
- 1030 Other Ministers arrive at various ministries in central London
- 1030-1230 Talks between other German Ministers and their British opposite numbers in London
- 1145-1315 Talks between Prime Minister, Chancellor Schmidt, Lord Carrington and Herr Genscher at Chequers
- 1245-1415 Working lunches in London for other Ministers
- 1315 Lunch at Chequers for Prime Minister, Chancellor Schmidt, for 1330 Lord Carrington and Herr Genscher
- 1415 Other Ministers leave London
- 1530-1700 Plenary Session at Chequers for all participants in talks
- 1700-1720 Tea
- 1730-1830 Press Conference at RAF Halton
- 1845 ~~1915~~ Dinner at Chequers for Ministerial participants
to 1900 for ~~1930~~ (subsidiary dinner for officials at The Bell, Aston Clinton)

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11 March 1982

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Private Secretary,
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Dear Francis,

ANGLO-GERMAN SUMMIT PROGRAMME

The Chancellor has seen your letter of 8[✓] March to John Coles. ^{TPM}

The Chancellor is content to host a lunch for Economic Ministers at Lancaster House as you suggest. He would envisage a lunch party of around 12 in total.

On a separate question raised with me directly by Western European Department I can confirm that the Chancellor will be content for Mr. Biffen to join him and Herr Matthofer for a quarter of an hour at the end of the morning session (ie at 12.15 p.m) in No.11 to discuss insurance.

Copies go to the Private Secretaries to the Prime Minister, the Secretaries of State for Industry, Trade and Defence, and to the Minister of Agriculture.

Yours,

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8 March 1982

Dear John,

Anglo-German Summit: Programme

With your letter of 22 February ^{on part 3.} you enclosed an outline programme for the Summit as approved by the Prime Minister. We should like to propose some minor amendments to the timings and also to suggest how the lunches for Ministers other than the Prime Minister and my Secretary of State might best be handled.

Your outline proposed that Ministers other than the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary should leave London at 1400. Given that the sessions of talks between our Ministers and their German opposite numbers will probably last until about 1230 and that they cannot therefore hope to start lunch much before 1245, it would seem sensible to postpone departure from London until 1415. This would mean that the timing for both the plenary session and the tea at Chequers would have to be put back by 15 minutes. The Press Conference could still begin at 1730. I enclose a revised outline programme which takes account of these suggested changes, which I hope are acceptable to you.

As for the lunches to be held in London for Ministers other than the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary, we think that there would be advantage, from an administrative point of view, in keeping to a minimum the number of separate lunch parties. It would also seem to be desirable for all the economic Ministers to lunch together, as this would provide an opportunity for a wide-ranging exchange of views. We should like to propose therefore that the Chancellor of the Exchequer give a lunch which would include the Secretaries of State for Trade and Industry, Herr Matthoefer and Dr Schlecht. On the basis of informal soundings with the Chancellor's Office we have made a provisional booking at Lancaster House in case the Chancellor would like to have the lunch there rather than at No 11. This would leave Mr Nott to lunch separately with Dr Apel and Mr Walker to lunch separately with Herr Rohr (on the assumption that the latter attends the Summit - see Andrew Burns's letter of today's date to David Wright, copies to Clive Whitmore).

We may be obliged to write to you again about the timing of the dinner but we shall not do so until we have firm news about whether Chancellor Schmidt proposes to stay the night.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Secretaries of State for Industry, Trade and Defence, and to the Minister of Agriculture.

Yours ever,
(F W Richards)
Private Secretary

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✓ Miss Stephens
Mrs. Goodchild

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From the Private Secretary

15 March 1982

Anglo/German Summit

Thank you for your letter of 12 March.

The Prime Minister agrees that your Secretary of State may leave Chequers before the press conference and dinner on 19 March.

I am copying this letter to Francis Richards (Foreign and Commonwealth Office).

A. J. COLES

Miss J.E. Ridley,
Ministry of Defence.

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12th March 1982

Prime Minister

You will recall that Mr. Jenkin has
already excused himself. I am a little
 concerned that the formal may take it amiss if
too many Ministers leave before the dinner. All
 Ministers were warned some weeks ago to keep ¹⁹
 their mouths free. Agree that Mr. Nott leaves before the

Dear John

As I mentioned over the telephone my Secretary of State
 does not feel that he will be able to remain at Chequers for
 the latter part of the programme for the forthcoming Anglo
 German Summit.

press conference
and dinner?

The problem arises because Mr Nott must be in Cornwall over
 the weekend of 20th and 21st March for constituency business. He
 will have to come back on the train over Sunday night to be ready
 to set off for the USA on Monday to attend a NATO Nuclear Planning
 Group meeting. Were he to attend the whole of the Summit he would
 also have to travel overnight down to Cornwall which is clearly
 not desirable if he is to be fresh for this important NATO meeting.
 In order, therefore, to catch a plane down on the Friday he would
 need to leave Chequers before the press conference is scheduled
 to begin. I am afraid that there are no flights between London
 and Newquay over the weekend itself.

Yes
 not

My Secretary of State would therefore be grateful if you
 would mention to the Prime Minister that he will not be able
 to attend the press conference or the dinner that evening.

Yours,

Jane Ridley

(J E RIDLEY)(MISS)

A J Coles Esq

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4 March 1982

ANGLO/GERMAN
SUMMIT

The Prime Minister has seen your Secretary of State's minute of 26 February and has no objection to him leaving the plenary session at 4.30 p.m.

A. J. COLES

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