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FROM HELMUT SCHMIDT

CHANCELLOR OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

TO H.E. MRS. MARGARET THATCHER, M.P.

PRIME MINISTER OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

*file: Germany
Chanc. Schmidt's
visit to UK Pt. 4.*

DEAR MARGARET,

UPON MY RETURN TO BONN I WOULD LIKE TO CONVEY MY SINCERE AND CORDIAL THANKS, ALSO ON BEHALF OF MY WIFE, FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY AND PRECIOUS HELP IN ORGANISING MY PRIVATE STAY WITH MY DAUGHTER AND MY GOOD FRIEND JIM CALLAGHAN, WHO, BY THE WAY, EXPRESSED HIS RESPECT FOR YOUR PERFORMANCE IN OFFICE.

I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN SOON DURING THE FORTHCOMING EUROPEAN COUNCIL AND REMAIN WITH WARM PERSONAL REGARDS

YOURS SINCERELY

HELMUT

PRIME MINISTER'S

PERSONAL MESSAGE

SERIAL No. T50/82

Germany

Sub

18 March 1982

ANGLO/GERMAN SUMMIT: 19 MARCH: FAREWELLS

Thank you for your letter of 17 March.
The Prime Minister is content with these
arrangements.

A. J. COLES

F.N. Richards, Esq.,
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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

17 March 1982

Dear John,

Anglo-German Summit: 19 March: Farewells

You asked for our advice on the question of farewells on the occasion of the forthcoming Anglo-German Summit.

Herr Genscher and other German Ministers apart from Chancellor Schmidt will leave Chequers immediately after dinner and return to Bonn from RAF Benson. Lord Carrington does not think it necessary for himself or other British Ministers to travel to RAF Benson to say goodbye. We would propose therefore to send only an agent de protocole to RAF Benson. This is standard practice for a working visit from an EC country and farewells at Chequers would seem perfectly in order.

Chancellor Schmidt is, as you know, spending Friday night and Saturday morning in the UK privately. However, his official programme ends after dinner at Chequers and we suggest that the Prime Minister say goodbye to him there. We could arrange for a Special Representative of my Secretary of State to bid him farewell at RAF Northolt on the Saturday afternoon.

Please let me know whether the Prime Minister is content with these proposed arrangements.

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Francis Richards'.

(F N Richards)
Private Secretary

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Germany

MR. COLES

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Douglas Gordon rang this morning from Protocol Department to say that Schmidt would probably wish to stay the night at Chequers on 19 March and would this be convenient? I said it would.

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1 March, 1982