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From the Private Secretary

MR. HATFIELD
CABINET OFFICE

Further Talks with Chancellor Kohl

Your minute of 10 November to Michael Jay envisaged a meeting of Permanent Secretaries to commission the necessary work and discuss the procedural arrangements for a further visit to this country by Chancellor Kohl.

You should know that the Prime Minister would not find it at all easy to set aside "a day or a day and a half" for the German Chancellor in the foreseeable future. Mrs Thatcher does not wish us actively to encourage the idea of a further visit unless Chancellor Kohl himself returns to the idea.

I am copying this minute to Michael Jay, Sir Kenneth Couzens, Michael Franklin, Sir Peter Carey and Sir Brian Hayes.

A. J. COLES

11 November 1982

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Prime Minutes

This seems to be going ahead a bit fast.

It won't be at all easy to set aside "a day or a day and a half" for Chancellor Koll. You have seen an awful lot of him recently.

My feeling is that we should not actively encourage this unless Koll himself returns to the idea. Agree?

A.J.C. 10/11

Yes
no



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From the Secretary of the Cabinet: Sir Robert Armstrong KCB, CVO

Ref. AO82/0057

10th November 1982

Further Talks with Chancellor Kohl

During their recent talks the Federal German Chancellor suggested that he should meet the Prime Minister again "with the minimum of advisers" to talk about commercial policy and protection. He has offered to come to London for a day, or a day and a half, for the purpose.

Chancellor Kohl's offer affords an opportunity to discuss not only trade practices but also wider Community subjects, such as the budget. Sir Robert Armstrong considers that a meeting of Permanent Secretaries would be useful to commission the necessary work and the procedural arrangements for a visit by Chancellor Kohl and this office will be in touch in the near future to arrange such a meeting.

Copies of this letter go to Mr Butler (No 10), and to the Private Secretaries to Sir Kenneth Couzens, Mr Michael Franklin, Sir Peter Carey and Sir Brian Hayes.

R. HATFIELD

(R P Hatfield)
Private Secretary

M H Jay Esq.

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19 October 1982

VISIT BY CHANCELLOR KOHL

Thank you for your letter of 15 October about the interpreter for this visit. As I told you on the telephone yesterday, Mr. Lederer will be acceptable.

A J COLES

Roger Bone, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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FRONT DOOR
POLICE
DETECTIVES
MR TAYLOR
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MR COLES ✓
MR INGHAM
PRESS OFFICE

PRIME MINISTER'S TALKS AND WORKING DINNER WITH CHANCELLOR KOHL
TUESDAY 19 OCTOBER

Chancellor Kohl will arrive at No. 10 at 1800 hours. There will be the usual photocall (rota) in the Front Hall. As the Prime Minister can be expected to be seen with the Chancellor on the door step, those not included in the rota photocall can still hope for pictures in the street, provided they have the usual police clearance.

There will not be a formal joint press conference but, after the working dinner (perhaps soon after 2115 hours), the Prime Minister will bid farewell to the Chancellor at the Front Door. At that point they will be ready to respond to any press questions put to them.

COI are arranging for two microphones (one to be shared by the Chancellor and the Prime Minister - the other for the interpreter) plus amplification. Alan Wakeford and Bob Gair will set up the equipment during the late afternoon.

BBC/ITN will set up special lighting, probably using Dennis Brennan of Location Lighting.

If it is wet, the same arrangements will apply. The press will get wet. The Prime Minister and the Chancellor will remain under the large umbrella somewhat closer to the doorway than to the street.

Please could the police arrange for the press to be in a penned area in the middle of the street, i.e. similar to the press enclosure during the Falklands.

IAN KYDD
18 October 1982

DRAFT PRESS STATEMENT

I am delighted that the Chancellor has come to London so soon after taking Office. We greatly appreciate this gesture.

The Chancellor and I have had a most useful talk on a wide range of topics. There has been a considerable meeting of minds.

This was no surprise. I know from our previous discussions, when Dr. Kohl was in Opposition, that our views coincide on many issues.

We first compared notes on the political situation in our respective countries. We also discussed our current economic and social policies where our views are very similar.

We covered East/West relations, including Poland, and our security which is firmly founded on the North Atlantic Alliance. We are in complete agreement about our aim which is peace with freedom - words which the Chancellor used in his speech to the Bundestag the other day and which I have often used myself.

We also reviewed the international economic situation and the present situation of the European Community, the Presidency of which will be held by the Federal Republic during the first half of next year.

/Both of us

Both of us wish to see a stronger European Community with reformed budgetary arrangements.

We devoted particular attention to the problem of European steel exports to the United States. This matter is now very urgent and I understand that German Ministers will be considering it tomorrow.

Finally, we had a word about the Middle East from which, as you know, the Foreign Secretary has just returned.

I look forward to going to Bonn on 28 October for one of our regular bilateral meetings, and then the following day to paying my first visit ~~as Prime Minister~~ to Berlin.

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CHANCELLOR KOHL

Programme

- (a) Lord Belstead meets Chancellor Kohl on arrival and brings him to No. 10.
- (b) From 1800 until 1930 you and Kohl have a tête-à-tête with only interpreters and Private Secretaries present.
- (c) At 1930 you join other dinner guests for drinks in the Pillared Room.
- (d) From 1945 until about 2130 - working dinner (the guest list is in your box).
- (e) At 2130 you and Kohl go to the front door of No. 10 and each make a short statement to the Press. You have seen Bernard's draft - we shall need to put it in final form tomorrow.
- (f) Then Kohl leaves, escorted by the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary to the Airport.

Substance

I suggest that the main aim, without ever letting it appear obvious, is to begin a process of establishing a special relationship with Germany within the EC (in order to balance (we cannot replace) the special Franco/German relationship).

With that in mind, this, the first meeting with Kohl in his new capacity, should be a friendly affair. He needs to feel that he has someone of like mind in London. We should underline the main problems which we want to see solved but, rather than pushing him too hard at this first meeting, we should simply put him clearly on notice that we want to devote special attention to these matters at the Bonn Summit. The exception to this is steel, which will not wait that long.

We know from the Germans that Kohl attaches special importance to the public presentation of the visit. I suggest that you make a good deal of the photocall before the visit and the appearance outside No. 10 afterwards, emphasising the meeting of minds.

/You will want

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You will want to decide which subjects to raise with Kohl tête-à-tête and which at the working dinner. Since Genscher will be at the dinner, you might raise tête-à-tête those matters where we are hoping for a new German approach (otherwise Genscher might weigh in with a stock line). You may think that the tête-à-tête could best deal with:-

- (a) A comparison of domestic political situations.
- (b) Domestic economic policy.
- (c) Relations with the United States (there is a suggestion that Kohl would like advice on how to handle Reagan).
- { (d) Steel. }
- { (e) EC Budget. }

Then at the working dinner you could deal with:-

- (a) East/West Relations.
- (b) Other Community problems.
- (c) The world recession; banking situation; next Economic Summit.
- (d) The Middle East.

I attach:-

- (A) The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary's minute on the handling of the meeting. *and a further minute which he has just produced on his discussion in Denmark.* 14/10/82 18/10/82
- (B) A summary of Kohl's statement on economic and social policies. *Bonn Tel 872 14.10.82*
- (C) A summary of his statement on foreign and security policy. *Bonn Tel 871 14.10.82*
- (D) A brief on steel. *Bonn Tel 871 14.10.82*
- (E) A brief on Turkey.
- (F) A brief on the CSCE.
- (G) Sir Jock Taylor's thoughts on the meeting. *Bonn Tel 876 14/10*
- (H) A telegram about Genscher's present position. *Bonn Tel 879 15/10*

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Prime Minister

If you have anything to say Foreign and Commonwealth Office
 to Dr. Kohl which is very sensitive, London SW1A 2AH
 Sir Lobb Taylor could interpret.
 Content offensive that Dr. Lederer
 should do it?

15 October, 1982

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A. J. C. $\frac{48}{10}$

Visit by Chancellor Kohl: 19 October: Interpreter

When we spoke earlier this week we agreed that the Prime Minister would need an interpreter for the visit next Tuesday (Dr Kohl will be accompanied by his own interpreter).

Those whom we normally use (eg for Anglo-German Summits), Mrs Bloom and Mrs Band, are both unavailable. We would therefore suggest an interpreter whom Mr Pym uses for EC Political Cooperation meetings - Rudolf Lederer - who we are sure would do the job extremely well.

Mr Lederer was born of Austrian parents in Rotterdam in 1916. He has been a resident in Belgium for many years. He has top interpreting qualifications, having worked for 22 years until 1981 for the EC Council Secretariat. He started working for the British in 1946. We understand that he was used on occasions to interpret between Chancellor Adenauer and Sir Winston Churchill; he was also used by the British C-in-C Berlin during the blockade. His EC Council Secretariat clearance is the equivalent of normal vetting and means that Mr Lederer is cleared up to confidential and to secret on a need to know basis. The Security Service are satisfied that the Council/procedures are thorough.

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We therefore hope Mr Lederer will be acceptable to the Prime Minister.

Yours sincerely
R B Bone

(R B Bone)
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq
 Private Secretary
 10 Downing Street

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1 - D. Kydd - pl go ahead, with brothers
at the ready.

2 - D. Gales You may want to take copies of the
the speech note; but we may
need to add in steel; pipeline

VISIT OF DR KOHL - MEDIA

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I would like to get your approval for the media arrangements for Dr Kohl's
visit on Tuesday.

First, content with the usual pool photograph in the hall on his arrival?

Second, after the dinner the German Ambassador has been looking for some
media exposure for Dr Kohl short of a press conference. We agree this would
be a good idea. Subject to your approval, both sides are happy that you and
Dr Kohl should go outside No 10 on his departure to speak through a microphone
to an agreed line (you in English and he in German) to the press, radio and
television who would be behind a barrier. Dr Kohl would leave immediately
after making his statement without taking questions.

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Content?

Yes

I attach at Annex I a draft speaking note for the after-dinner report
to the media on the talks.

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BERNARD INGHAM

15 October 1982

DRAFT SPEAKING NOTE

This evening the Chancellor, Dr Helmut Kohl, and I have had a most useful talk on a wide range of topics. We have confirmed that we have a very similar approach to many of the problems we discussed.

I say "confirmed" because I know from our previous discussions, when Dr Kohl was in Opposition, that our views coincide on many issues.

I am delighted that Dr Kohl has found it possible to come to London so soon after taking office. He ^{is apparent to the gesture} very much wanted to have an early talk with me and I am very pleased he has found it possible to pay a flying visit today for dinner.

We shall have an opportunity for a ^{fuller} more relaxed discussion when I visit Bonn ^{one of the regular} for the bilaterals meeting in the autumn between our two Governments at the end of this month. These talks will, I am sure, be all the more useful as a result of the introductory discussion we have had both before and during dinner this evening.

We have nonetheless, as I indicated earlier, covered a lot of ground tonight.

First, we ^{covered notes} briefed each other on the political situation in our respective countries ~~and~~. We also discussed economic and social policy where our views are very similar.

We covered East-West relations, including Poland, and our security which is firmly founded on the North Atlantic Alliance. We are in complete agreement about our aim which is peace with freedom.—

We had a most useful look at the international economic situation, which is clearly very difficult, and also at the European Community in which ^{the Federal Republic} West Germany will hold the Presidency during the first half of next year.

Both of us wish to see a stronger European Community and we are agreed on the need to resolve our immediate problems, notably the Budget and fishing policy, as quickly as possible. ^{with better framed} reformed ~~to~~ budgetary arrangements.

We also discussed the situation in the Middle East from which, as you know, Mr Pym has just returned.

That summarises our talks this evening and I look forward to going to Bonn on October 28 for more extensive talks with Dr Kohl and his colleagues and then the following day to paying my first visit as Prime Minister to West Berlin.



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From the Private Secretary

13 October, 1982

VISIT OF FEDERAL CHANCELLOR, TUESDAY, 19 OCTOBER

As you know, I have had a number of conversations about this visit with Klaus Zeller in Bonn.

The arrangements, as they stand at present, are as follows. The Prime Minister and the Chancellor will have talks at 1800 hrs, accompanied only by Private Secretaries and interpreters (you are looking into the question of providing an interpreter on our side). These talks will continue until about 1930 hrs when there will be a working dinner. On our side, the Prime Minister hopes that the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Jock Taylor and Sir Antony Acland (plus a Private Secretary) will attend.

There is some uncertainty about who is coming on the German side. Although the German Ambassador here has given me what he said was a firm list of names, Zeller said today that no final decision has been taken. I have made it clear to him that we should be very glad to accommodate up to six people from his side at the working dinner. Interpreters will, of course, also be needed.

Zeller also said that the Chancellor hoped there would be an opportunity for him to appear before the press with the Prime Minister. I told him that there would be the usual photo-call on arrival. In addition, I thought that we could arrange for the Prime Minister and the Chancellor to appear together outside No.10 after the dinner where they could be photographed and where each could make a few comments about the talks. We agreed that a formal press conference would not be appropriate on this occasion.

I am copying this letter to John Kerr (HM Treasury) and Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

A. J. COLES

Roger Bone, Esq.,
Foreign & Commonwealth Office,

Germany ①

PRIME MINISTER

Dr Kohl's Visit: 19 October

You agreed to have a working dinner after your tête-à-tête talks.

I suggest that we let the Germans have six places. Then four of our six places might be taken by yourself, the Foreign Secretary, Sir Jock Taylor and the Private Secretary. This leaves two places. Would you like to select any two of the following three?:

Cecil Parkinson (if you want to emphasise the Party connection)

Geoffrey Howe

Antony Acland

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From the Private Secretary

8 October 1982

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Visit of Dr. Kohl

As I have told you on the telephone, Klaus Zeller rang yesterday to say that the new German Chancellor would very much like to visit London on 19 October to "pay his respects" to the Prime Minister. I told Zeller today that the Prime Minister would be glad to welcome the Chancellor on that day. I shall be consulting the Prime Minister over the weekend about the arrangements. The provisional plan, of which Zeller is aware, is that the Chancellor should arrive in time for a talk with the Prime Minister, probably accompanied only by Private Secretaries, at about 1800 (he cannot reach London before the evening). There would then be a working dinner at 1930, after which the Chancellor would return to Bonn. Zeller told me that Genscher would accompany Dr. Kohl but that no decision had been taken on the remainder of the party.

I stressed that the Prime Minister has not yet been consulted about the details. I shall be in touch with you again early next week.

A. J. COLES

Roger Bone Esq
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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PRIME MINISTER

Visit of Dr. Kohl

As you know, Dr. Kohl's office rang me yesterday to say that the new Chancellor would very much like to visit London on 19 October to pay his respects to you. You agreed that he should come and I have replied accordingly to his office.

He cannot arrive until the early evening. I suggest the following arrangements:-

- a) A talk with the Chancellor, with just Private Secretaries and interpreters present, from 1800 until dinner (meanwhile Mr. Pym and Mr. Genscher, who is coming, could have a separate tête-à-tête).
- b) A working dinner at 1930 in the small dining room, after which Dr. Kohl will fly back to Bonn.

May we plan on these lines? *(we will arrange another time for Pauline Chan to come in)*

Yes

A. J. C.

8 October 1982