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Content with the draft message attached?

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Dear John

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Koenigswinter Conference 1982

This year's Koenigswinter Conference takes place between 1 and 4 April at St Catherine's College, Cambridge. It is customary for the Prime Minister and the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary to send short messages of goodwill which are read out at the opening session. On the German side, messages are normally sent by the Federal President, the Chancellor and the Foreign Minister.

The theme of the 1982 Conference will be "The Anxious Years". Mr Hurd will be attending from the FCO: Mrs Lynda Chalker will also be present.

The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary hopes that the Prime Minister will agree to send a message as usual. I / enclose a draft for her consideration. I also enclose a copy / of the message that is being submitted to Lord Carrington.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Margaret Thatcher

April 1982

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Sir D McNeel to PM 30.3.82.

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PART 5 begins:-

PM's message to Koenigswinter conference  
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You will know from my earlier letter how much I regret not being able to attend the Koenigswinter Dinner. I had much looked forward to joining you and hearing at first-hand about your discussions.

Over the past 32 years an intense Anglo-German dialogue has developed at many levels. But Koenigswinter remains a unique forum and looks like retaining indefinitely its very special place in the hearts and minds of its many supporters in Britain and in Germany. I wish the present conference all success.

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