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As you will recall, I led a group of twelve parliamentary colleagues to Bonn earlier this month to meet with members of the CDU/CSU parliamentary group. Despite the rapidly increasing number of contacts between all levels of our parties over the last four years, greatly assisted by the London office of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, this was the first such meeting of its kind. The main objective on this occasion was to begin the process of establishing close friendly relationships between individual members, and good progress was made towards this.

Some thirty CDU/CSU members participated in our discussions, which broadly covered three areas: the European contribution to strengthening the Atlantic Alliance; the European role in East/West policy; and European economic integration as a force for international competitiveness. The contributions were even more free-ranging than these headings suggest, and their value lay rather more in the informative nature of the exchange of views for individual members than in breaking any new ground. Nevertheless, it is worth underlining the emphasis generally placed by German members on the development of European defence policy, in harmony with overall NATO strategy; and, in particular, their view that the Western European Union should be given a more dynamic role. It was also noteworthy that some Germans expressed the hope that their government would take a more liberal attitude towards internal Community competition (even in the field of insurance and lorry permits!).

The group had a very friendly meeting with Chancellor Kohl, who took questions on a wide variety of issues for nearly two hours. The principal points to arise were as follows:-

- 1) On the European Community, he expressed considerable support for "political union", but his definition of this phrase was much broader and non-federalist than one would have expected. He strongly appealed to British Conservatives to join efforts towards greater unity now that the budgetary problems had eased.

He referred to the feeling that many German Christian Democrats had that British Conservatives, while committed to membership of the Community, did not share their vision of the future; but went on to suggest that further meetings of this kind would do much to overcome this. His own openness on the subject showed we could have a great deal in common. He also referred to a need for "defence discussions" in a European context, although he did not expand on this further other than to reiterate the point about the WEU.

2) On inter-German relations, he spoke of his disappointment, though not surprised, over the cancellation of the Honnecker visit; but expressed determination not to allow this to detract from his overall policy of better relations. He told us of his appreciation of the firm British statement of support in the light of Soviet accusations and remarks by the Italian Foreign Minister.

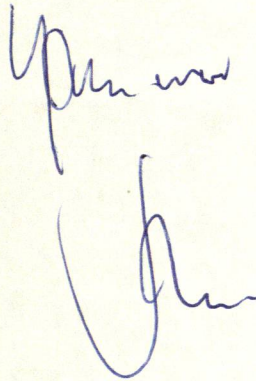
3) On relations generally with the U.K., he believed they were excellent - and again referred to the possibilities of deep co-operation still within the Community following the Budget accord. He showed a willingness to understand our real psychological differences as an island power whose experience of war did not include invasion.

4) On relations in the European Parliament, he spoke of his "dream that the CDU/CSU arrangement will one day apply to the European Peoples Party/European Democrats". But this presupposed a number of developments on both sides. He thought that some Christian Democrats had foolish ideas about Conservatives; and that some Conservatives thought that some Christian Democrats were "hidden Communists". Solutions had still to be found. He expressed his total personal commitment to the International Democrat Union.

5) On Franco-German relations he showed an attitude of real understanding towards Mitterand but it was not exclusive - he could clearly hold a close view of Britain at the same time. He continues determined not to lose the idealism of the European Movement.

6) On relations between our two parties, he thought that these should be strengthened further still. He proposed that we should concentrate on the middle and younger age group of parliamentarians, rather than at the frontbench level, and bring a group of 20-30 people from both parties together for three or four days at least once a year. He concluded that if this had been done twenty years ago, how different things would be today.

Overall, the meeting was a very valuable beginning; and along the lines suggested by Chancellor Kohl, I hope that we will be able to arrange a second meeting in conjunction with the Konrad Adenauer Foundation here in London next year.

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The Prime Minister

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MEETING OF CONSERVATIVE AND CDU/CSU MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT IN BONN

30.9.-2.10.1984

Hotel am Tulpenfeld
Heussallee 1-10
5300 Bonn-1
Tel.: 01049-228-219081

Coordinators: Dr. Ludger Eling
Dr. Olga Wilde

Interpreters: Sybille von Mülmann
Bettina Schäfer

P R O G R A M M E

Sunday, 30 September 1984

8.05 pm Departure from Heathrow with LH 059

9.10 pm Arrival at Cologne/Bonn airport

Transfer to Hotel am Tulpenfeld

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Monday, 1 October 1984

10.00 - 12.00 noon

FIRST SESSION

European contribution to strengthening the Atlantic Alliance

German speaker : Volker Rühle MdB
Deputy-Leader of the CDU/CSU
Parliamentary Party

British speaker: John Lee MP
Parliamentary Under Secretary of
State, Defence Procurement

Discussion

Chairman: John S. Gummer MP
Chairman Conservative Party;
Paymaster General

12.30 pm

Lunch at the "Parlamentarische Gesellschaft"
Hosted by Volker Rühle MdB

3.15 pm

SECOND SESSION

- The European role in East-West policy

German Speaker : Dr. Alois Mertes MdB
Minister of State
Ministry for Foreign Affairs

British speaker: Peter Bottomley MP
Parliamentary Under Secretary
of State, Department of Environment

- Comments on the position of Inner-German relations

German speaker : Volker Rühle MdB

Discussion

Chairman: Volker Rühle MdB

7.00 pm

Reception and dinner at the Hotel Königshof
Hosted by Dr. Friedrich Vogel
Minister of State at the Bundeskanzleramt

Tuesday, 2 October 1984

9.00 am

THIRD SESSION

Western Europe as an economic entity -
integration a precondition for international
competitiveness

German speaker : Dr. Rudolf Sprung MdB
Minister of State
Ministry of Economic affairs

British speaker: Robert Jackson MP

Discussion

Chairman: David Hunt MP
Parliamentary Under-Secretary
Department of Energy

12.00 noon

Lunch at Hotel am Tulpenfeld

2.00 - 3.30 pm

Meeting with Chancellor Dr. Helmut Kohl
at the Bundeskanzleramt

5.40 pm

Departure from Cologne/Bonn airport with
BA 745

6.55 pm

Arrival at Heathrow airport

25.9.1984

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MEETING WITH CONSERVATIVE AND CDU/CSU MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT IN BONN

German participants:

1. Markus BERGER MdB (CDU) Member Select Committee on Defence
2. Klaus DAWEKE MdB (CDU) Chairman Parliamentary Party Committee on Education and Science;
Member Select Committee on Defence
3. Hans-Jürgen DOSS MdB (CDU) Member Select Committee on Economic Affairs
4. Dr. Kurt FALTSHAUSER MdB (CSU) Member Select Committees on Family and Health, and Employment
5. Klaus FRANCKE MdB (CDU) Member Select Committee on Defence
6. Dr. Renate HELLWIG MdB (CDU) Member Executive Committee CDU/CSU Parliamentary Party
7. Dr. Philipp JENNINGER MdB (CDU) Minister of State at the Bundeskanzleramt
8. Hans KLEIN MdB (CSU) Chairman Parliamentary Party Committee on Foreign Affairs
9. Rudolf KRAUS MdB (CSU) Deputy Chairman Parliamentary Party Committee on Economic Affairs
10. Ursula KRONE-APPUHN MdB (CSU) Member Select Committees on Defence and Inner-German Relations
11. Karl LAMERS MdB (CDU) Member Select Committees on Foreign Affairs and Economic Cooperation (aid)
12. Dr. Norbert LAMMERT MdB (CDU) Member Select Committees on Economic Affairs and Economic Cooperation (aid)
13. Eduard LINTNER MdB (CSU) Chairman Parliamentary Party Committee on "Deutschlandpolitik" and Berlin;
Member Select Committee on Inner-German Relations
14. Ortwin LOWACK MdB (CSU) Member Select Committee on Foreign Affairs
15. Dr. Alois MERTES MdB (CDU) Minister of State, Ministry for Foreign Affairs
16. Lorenz NIEGEL MdB (CSU) Deputy Chairman Parliamentary Party on Environment;
Member Select Committee Economic Affairs

17. Peter PETERSEN MdB (CDU) Member Select Committees on Defence and Budget Affairs
18. Hans-Peter REPNIK MdB (CDU) Member Select Committee on Budget Affairs
19. Volker RÜHE MdB (CDU) Deputy Leader CDU/CSU Parliamentary Party;
Spokesman on Foreign Affairs and Security Matters
20. Dr. Wolfgang SCHÄUBLE MdB (CDU) Chief Whip
21. Rudolf SEITERS MdB (CDU) Deputy Chief Whip
22. Dr. Rudolf SPRUNG MdB (CDU) Minister of State, Ministry for Economic Affairs
23. Dr. Lutz STAVENHAGEN MdB (CDU) Deputy Chairman Parliamentary Party Committee on Budget Affairs;
Member Select Committees on Defence and Budget Affairs
24. Gunnar ULDALL MdB (CDU) Member Select Committee on Finance
25. Dr. Hermann Josef UNLAND MdB (CDU) Chairman Select Committee on Economic Affairs
26. Dr. Ludolf-Georg von WARTENBERG MdB (CDU) Deputy Chairman Parliamentary Party Committee on Finance;
Member Select Committee on Finance
27. Bernd WILZ MdB (CDU) Member Select Committee on Defence
28. Willy Wimmer MdB (CDU) Member Select Committee on Defence
29. Dr. Fritz WITTMANN MdB (CSU) Chairman Parliamentary Party Committee on Law

LIST OF BRITISH PARLIAMENTARIANS VISITING BONN ON OCTOBER 1-2, 1984

1. Mr. Peter Bottomley, MP
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Employment
2. Mr. Alistair Burt, MP
3. Mr. James Couchman, MP
4. Mr. Robert Jackson, MP
5. Mr. John Selwyn Gummer, MP
Chairman,
Conservative Party
Paymaster General
6. Mr. Scott Hamilton,
Secretary General International Democratic Union
7. Mr. Barney Hayhoe, MP
Minister of State
H.M. Treasury
8. Mr. David Hunt, MBE, MP
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Energy
9. Mr. John Lee, MP
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State
(Defence Procurement)
Ministry of Defence
10. Mr. Hal Miller, MP
Vice Chairman,
Conservative Party
11. Mr. Christopher Patten, MP
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State
Northern Ireland Office
12. Mr. Richard Ryder, MP
13. Hon. William Waldegrave, MP
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State
Department of the Environment