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Prime Minister

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*You could offer lunch
on Jan 25. Agree to do so?*

28 October 1981

Dear Michael,

Paul Yes

Visit by Dr Kohl to the UK: 25-27 January 1982

As you know, Dr Kohl's sponsored visit to the UK has now been postponed from the end of November until 25-27 January next year.

When the visit was first planned, the Prime Minister favoured the idea of giving a meal to Dr Kohl, but was unable to do so on the November timing. She accordingly asked whether Lord Carrington could do so, given Dr Kohl's importance on the political scene (Willie Rickett's letter of 25 August to me).

The 25-27 January dates are not ideal for the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, since he will be attending the EC Foreign Affairs Council in Brussels on the first two days. He would be free to give Dr Kohl lunch on the 27th, but believes that there is also a strong case for him to be entertained by the Prime Minister as well (you will recall that she gave a working lunch for Herr Strauss in April 1980). Would it be possible for her to offer Dr Kohl lunch on the 25th? I understand that Conservative Party Central Office are planning to give a dinner, as will, presumably, the German Ambassador.

Yours ever,

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