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From the Private Secretary

16 March, 1983

Koenigswinter Conference 1983

Thank you for your letter of 15 March. The Prime Minister has approved a message to this year's Koenigswinter Conference. I enclose the text and should be grateful if you would arrange for it to be read out at the opening session.

A. J. COLES

R. B. Bone, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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THE PRIME MINISTER

It is three years since I had the privilege of sharing with you the very special, indeed unique, atmosphere of Koenigswinter, at Cambridge on the happy occasion of your 30th birthday in 1980.

I cannot be with you this year, but I look forward with great interest to hearing about your discussions on the theme "A year of choice".

This year we face together many vitally important decisions; in the conduct of our own national affairs, in the European Community, on security and defence within the Alliance, and on international economic issues. I know that your Conference will, as always, make an informed, objective and substantial contribution to wise decisions in both our countries.

My very best wishes for a very successful meeting.

Margaret Thatcher

March 1983



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Prime Minister

The Koenigswinter Calender
this year is from 17 to 20 March.

You and the German Chancellor
normally send messages.

Would you be prepared to
sign the attached?

A. J. C. $\frac{15}{3}$

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

15 March, 1983

Jan Sch.

Please type message

to P. R.'s signature.

A.S.C. 15/3.

Koenigswinter Conference 1983

The Conference this year will run from 17 to 20 March at Koenigswinter. The theme is 'A year of choice'. The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary will not be able to attend the German Government dinner on Friday 18 March if the visit of the Arab League Delegation takes place as planned. He will, however, send a message, and Mrs Lynda Chalker will deliver the speech which he would have made.

/ It is customary also for the Prime Minister to send a short goodwill message. On the German side, the Federal President, the Chancellor and the Foreign Minister normally send messages. I enclose a draft for the Prime Minister's consideration. If the Prime Minister is content, we shall // arrange for it to be read out, as usual, at the opening / session. I also enclose a note on Koenigswinter, a copy of the provisional programme and a provisional list of participants.

Jan Sch

R B Bone

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Private Secretary

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DRAFT MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE KOENIGSWINTER CONFERENCE

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I cannot be with you this year, but I look forward with great interest to hearing about your discussions, ^{on the theme} and ~~I can already congratulate you on your choice of topic: 'A year of choice'.~~

^{This year} We face together many vitally important decisions ~~in 1983~~; in the conduct of our own national affairs, in the European Community, ~~On~~ security and defence within the Alliance, ^{and on} ~~in the~~ international economic ^{issues} ~~system~~ ~~and in many other fields.~~ I know that your Conference will, as always, make an informed, objective and substantial contribution to wise decisions in both our countries.

My very best wishes for a very successful ^{meeting.} ~~conference.~~

DEUTSCH-ENGLISCHE GESELLSCHAFT E. V.

KÖNIGSWINTER CONFERENCE 1983

17th - 20th March

Preliminary List of British Participants

As at: 19.1.1983

POLITICIANS

Conservative

* Lynda Chalker
Kenneth Clarke
* Hugh Dykes
* Nigel Forman
* Barney Hayhoe
? David Howell
Sir Anthony Kershaw
NB Timothy Raison

Labour

Frank Field
* Denis Healey
* Giles Radice
George Robertson
* Peter Shore
* John Smith
* Phillip Whitehead

Liberal/SDP Alliance

* David Alton (Lib.)
? Roy Jenkins (most unlikely)
* William Rodgers
? David Steel
? Shirley Williams

* Lord Banks (Lib.)
* Lord Mayhew (Lib.)

Robert Jackson (MEP)

Brian Key (MEP)

* - acceptance
? - to be confirmed

MEDIA

* Paul Barker
John Cole
? Richard Davy

Editor, New Society
B B C

The Times (presently Director for E. Europe,
International Reporting Information
Systems, Washington)

* William Deedes
* Peter Galliner
* Frank Giles
* Peter Jenkins
* Peter Kellner
* Andrew Knight
* Malcolm Rutherford
* Lord Thomson of Monifieth

Editor, The Daily Telegraph
Director, International Press Institute
Editor, The Sunday Times
Political Editor, The Guardian
Political Editor, New Statesman
Editor, The Economist
Assistant Editor, Financial Times
Chairman, Independent Broadcasting Authority

ACADEMICS

* Colonel Jonathan Alford, Dep. Director, International Institute for Strategic
* Lord Annan, lately Provost, University College, London Studies
* Vernon Bogdanor, Senior Tutor, Brasenose College, Oxford
* William Clark, President, International Institute for Environment and Development
Dr. Christopher Coker, Lecturer in International Relations, LSE
* Lawrence Freedman, Professor of War Studies, King's College, London
* Michael Howard, Regius Professor of Modern History, University of Oxford
* Michael Kaser, Reader in Economics, St. Antony's College, Oxford
? Laurence Martin, Vice-Chancellor, University of Newcastle upon Tyne
Prof. Robert Middlemass, Reader in Modern History, University of Sussex
* Patrick Minford, Edward Gonner Professor of Applied Economics, University of
* Dr. Janet Morgan Liverpool
* Dr. Roger Morgan, Head of European Centre for Political Studies, Policy
Studies Institute, London
* Dr. William Wallace, Dep. Director of Studies, The Royal Institute of Inter-
national Affairs
* David Watt, Director, The Royal Institute of International Affairs
Anthony Burkett, Dept. of European Studies, University of Loughborough

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INDUSTRY AND BANKING

- * d Croham, Adviser to the Governor, Bank of England; Trustee of the A-G. Fdtn.
- * Edmund Dell, Chairman, Guinness Peat & Co. plc
- * Kenneth Durham, Chairman, Unilever plc
- * Lord Ezra, formerly Chairman, National Coal Board
- ? John Harvey-Jones, Chairman, ICI plc.
- ? Sir Christophor Laidlaw, Chairman ICL plc.
- * Peter McGregor, Industrial Director, National Economic Development Office
- * Brian Medhurst, Joint Chief Investment Manager, The Prudential Assurance Co. plc
- ? John Raisman, Chairman, Shell UK Ltd.
- ? Bryan Rigby, Deputy Director-General, CBI.
- * Sir Frank Roberts
- * Lord Shackleton, Deputy Chairman, The Rio Tinto-Zinc Corporation plc.
- * Philip Shelbourne, Chairman, Britoil plc.
- * Sir Peter Tennant, Director, The Prudential International Energy Bank
- * Anthony Loehnis, Bank of England
- * Charles Williams, Henry Ansbacher & Co. plc.

TRADE UNIONS


- ? Dr. Michael Cooley, GLC Economic Policy Group
- * Gavin Laird, Executive Councillor, Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers
(Engineering Section)
- * David Lea, Assistant General Secretary, TUC
- * John Lyons, General Secretary, Engineers' and Managers' Association
- * J. Mills, Transport and General Workers' Union, Regional Secretary, Northern Reg

OFFICIALS

- ? Sir Antony Acland, Permanent Under-Secretary of State and Head of the
Diplomatic Service, FCO.
- * Lord Nicholas Gordon Lennox, Assistant Under-Secretary of State, FCO.
- * Michael Quinlan, ~~Secretary~~ ^{Under} Permanent Secretary, Dept. of Employment
- * H.E. Sir Jock Taylor, British Ambassador, Bonn
- * Christopher Tugendhat, EEC Commissioner, Brussels

OTHERS

- * Barbara Beck, Secretary-General, Anglo-German Foundation for the Study
of Industrial Society
- * Scott Hamilton, Head of International Office, The Conservative Party
- * Sir Nicholas Henderson, lately British Ambassador, Washington
- * Richard Holme, Director, National Committee for Electoral Reform; Past Pres.
The Liberal Party
- * David Lowe, Head of International Department, The Labour Party
- * A.K.R. Mackenzie, Adviser to Mr. Heath on the Brandt Commission
- * Peter Mandelson, Member of Lambeth Borough Council; also working at London
Weekend TV (current affairs)
- Lance Pope, Director, Conference Board, New York
- Monsignor Bruce Kent, General Secretary, Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament
- * Denis Stevenson, Director, National Enterprise Board and London Docklands
Development Corporation.



KOENIGSWINTER CONFERENCE

1. The annual Anglo-German Koenigswinter Conferences, called after their usual site across the Rhine from Bonn, are the result of the initiative in 1950 of a group of anti-Nazi Germans who, in an effort to restore Anglo-German relations after the Second World War, arranged a meeting of leading politicians and prominent personalities from the world of commerce and the arts in Germany and the UK for a frank exchange of views on important questions of the day. The original meeting was so successful that it became an annual event.
2. The Conferences are strictly non-official although both German and British Governments patronise and subsidise them. They are now held alternately in the UK and the FRG. The FCO provides financial support for the Conferences held in the UK, amounting to 10% of the total budget for each Conference within fixed ceilings. The Federal German Government provides the same level of financial support for the Conferences held in the FRG. The balance of the cost of the Conferences is made up from contributions from the Anglo-German Foundation and from private sources, eg German and British industry, the media, banks etc.
3. The Conferences have always attracted a high level of participation on both sides and are usually attended by at least one British and one German minister as well as representatives of political parties, the Armed Services, the Civil Service, journalism, commerce and industry.
4. Although the Conferences vary in quality from year to year, Koenigswinter as such has established itself as a major event in the Anglo-German calendar. There is no doubt that it has, over the years, made a considerable contribution to better understanding between the FRG and the UK and has helped to create more informed reporting on each country in the media of the other.

DEUTSCH-ENGLISCHE GESELLSCHAFT E. V.

KÖNIGSWINTER CONFERENCE

17th - 20th March 1983

A YEAR OF CHOICE

Group

I The Atlantic Alliance: Divergences and Common Ground

- The assessment of the future of the Soviet Union and of the Soviet Bloc. Can they be affected by Western policies? Economic factors in East-West relations; East-West arms control negotiations - INF, START, MBFR, CSCE.
- Strategic and economic conflicts between United States' and European interests, and the impact upon the Atlantic Alliance.
- Challenges to Western security outside Europe: is Third World non-alignment a danger to the West or a source of stability?

II The Challenge to the European Community

- Confronting the recession: "Euro-Protectionism" versus Free Trade; a European industrial policy; prospects for closer monetary co-operation.
- The structural crisis of the Community with further enlargement in prospect: the Budget; the Common Agricultural Policy; the institutional deadlock.
- The future of political co-operation. Defence co-operation and a common posture in global politics.

III Changes in Political Systems

- German problems: Challenges to established parties and the representative system; the peace and ecology movements.
- British problems: The political implication of economic decline; new political parties and movements, e.g. the anti-nuclear movement; constitutional issues.

IV World Recession and Unemployment

- Can economic growth be resumed? World markets and trade; banking and the monetary system; demand- or supply-side policies?
- Strategies to fight unemployment.
- The impact of unemployment and of low growth upon the Welfare State: the gap between expectations and possibilities.

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