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**PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
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GERMAN PRESIDENCY

1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO CHANCELLOR KOHL. PLEASE ARRANGE DELIVERY. THERE IS NO SIGNED ORIGINAL.

BEGINS

DEAR CHANCELLOR KOHL,

AS THE GERMAN PRESIDENCY OF THE COMMUNITY DRAWS TO A CLOSE, I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER MY PERSONAL CONGRATULATIONS ON A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL SIX MONTHS. AS I SAID IN AN EARLIER MESSAGE, NOT ONLY WAS STUTTGART A WELL-DESERVED TRIUMPH FOR YOU PERSONALLY AS CHAIRMAN IN REACHING A HARMONIOUS OUTCOME AGAINST WHAT LOOKED AT TIMES LIKE PRETTY HEAVY ODDS, BUT IT ALSO TOOK A MAJOR STEP IN THE EVOLUTION OF THE COMMUNITY BY LAUNCHING, ON AN AGREED BASIS, THE MAJOR NEGOTIATIONS ON THE REFORM OF THE COMMUNITY'S FINANCES.

IT WILL CLEARLY BE IN THE INTERESTS OF THE COMMUNITY THAT THESE NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION BY DECEMBER. THERE WILL BE MUCH WORK TO DO OVER THE NEXT SIX MONTHS AND I BELIEVE THAT THE VIEWS OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES ON THE LONGER TERM DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMUNITY HAVE COME CLOSER TOGETHER. I HAVE GREATLY VALUED THE BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WHICH WE HAVE HAD ON THESE MATTERS AND I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO COOPERATE CLOSELY. AS I SEE IT, THERE ARE TWO PARTICULARLY URGENT TASKS. THE FIRST IS TO INTRODUCE BETTER CONTROL OF CAP AND OTHER EXPENDITURE, INCLUDING IN PARTICULAR THE SETTING OF STRICT FINANCIAL GUIDELINES. THE SECOND TASK IS TO

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ESTABLISH SOME KIND OF SAFETY NET, WHICH WOULD PREVENT ANY MEMBER STATE FROM BEING PLACED IN AN UNACCEPTABLE SITUATION, AND WOULD THUS SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF BUDGETARY INEQUITIES WHICH HAS SO BEDEVILLED THE COMMUNITY IN RECENT YEARS. I HAVE INSTRUCTED MY OFFICIALS TO COOPERATE VERY CLOSELY WITH YOURS ON THESE MATTERS. I KNOW THAT WE HAVE A SIMILAR APPROACH AND HOPE THAT WE CAN ESTABLISH TOGETHER AS MUCH COMMON GROUND AS POSSIBLE IN OUR HANDLING OF THESE PROBLEMS.

MY BEST WISHES FOR YOUR IMPORTANT VISIT TO MOSCOW NEXT WEEK. I SHALL BE VERY INTERESTED TO HEAR YOUR IMPRESSIONS.

YOURS SINCERELY
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