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*From the Private Secretary*

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POSSIBLE VISIT BY THE PRIME MINISTER TO BONN

The Prime Minister has considered the advice contained in the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary's minute of 9 January.

While she agrees that it will be necessary to keep in close touch with the Germans between now and the European Council in March, she does not wish to visit Bonn on her way back from Budapest on 4 February. However, she will be prepared to send a suitable message to Chancellor Kohl about the budget negotiations immediately after her return from Paris on 23 January and I should be grateful if you could let me have a suitable draft at that time.

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We do not yet know when your visit to Hungary will end - but a meeting after it with Chancellor Kohl would either have to be on Saturday evening or Sunday morning. Would be welcome that? *No*

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Stop in Bonn? *No*

PRIME MINISTER

Or send a message? *Yes*  
*A.S.C. 2/1* *mt*

1. I am very glad that your meeting with Mitterrand is firm. But now, I fear, we have to think about the Germans - and the best way of keeping in the closest possible contact with them.

2. I have invited Genscher over for talks on 6 February. But once again I am sure it would be much more valuable if you could possibly find an early opportunity to keep Chancellor Kohl informed of the way we see the Community negotiations developing. Is there any chance of your being able to stop off briefly in Bonn to see Kohl on your way back from Budapest on 4 February? He would in any case undoubtedly welcome the opportunity to hear your impressions of your talks with Hungarian leaders. A stopover in Bonn need not take more than three or four hours and would, I think, be well worth while. *~~~~~*

3. If you agree with this suggestion, we shall see whether arrangements could be made with the Chancellery. If the stopover does not prove possible, I think it may be a good idea for you to let Kohl have a message, making our views on the budget negotiations clear, immediately after your return from Paris.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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