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From the Private Secretary

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The new German Ambassador called on the Prime Minister this morning.

In the course of an exchange about European Community issues, the Prime Minister made it plain that she was not prepared to entertain patched up compromises, even if this meant that the March Council did not end in success.

The Ambassador raised the question of the Western European Union. His most interesting point was to the effect that the Germans had received private indications that France regarded a revitalised WEU as a stepping stone to full integration into NATO. (I think that the Prime Minister would be grateful for any information that we may have on this point). The Prime Minister said that it would be wrong to allow any initiative to revitalise the WEU to have the effect of weakening NATO. She was sure that Chancellor Kohl agreed with her that it was essential to keep Trans-Atlantic links strong.

I am copying this letter to Richard Mottram (Ministry of Defence).

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