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From the Private Secretary   2 May, 1984.

Anglo/German Summit

I enclose an extract from the record of the conversation
between the Prime Minister and Chancellor Kohl which took place
at Chequers today.   The extract deals with the question of
cooperation between like-minded groups in the European
Parliament.   I should be grateful if you could ensure that
this record is closely protected, and shown only to those
who have an essential need to know of what transpired.   It
has been sent separately to the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary.

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The Prime Minister said that we were working on a paper on the role of the European Community in the wider world, as she had promised Chancellor Kohl on a previous occasion.

On another matter, she was concerned that there was insufficient co-operation between like-minded groups in the European Parliament. We would continue to use the label "conservative". This did not mean a concern simply to preserve old practices but rather to keep the best of the past and adapt to the future. There had been limited co-operation between her Party and that of Chancellor Kohl although both subscribed to the international grouping of the centre right. If we failed to co-operate and put up a good candidate for the President of the new Parliament, we should let the Socialists in. Chancellor Kohl recalled that he had discussed this problem with the Prime Minister two years ago. We could not achieve anything in the European Parliament in the long run if we did not establish a common party in that body. This could not be done overnight but it could be achieved in the foreseeable future. The Prime Minister suggested

that personal representatives should meet as soon as the election results were known. Chancellor Kohl agreed but said that there might be a problem with Chirac. He himself was open to any sensible discussion and quite agreed that personal representatives should get together at the right time.

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