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Charles Powell Esq  
PS/Prime Minister  
10 Downing Street

*Dear Sir,*

ANGLO-GERMAN SPECIAL ADVISERS/PRIVATE SECRETARY CONTACTS

/ 1. I agreed to send you the relevant papers on the meeting  
/ of 9 December last, now attached. I also attach for  
reference a list of projects organized by the Konrad  
Adenauer Stiftung to give you the flavour of their current  
activities (list now out of date).

2. I understand from Roger Bone that the separate Private  
Secretary conference with the Germans, which was planned  
following the December meeting, in fact had to be cancelled  
at the last minute due to pressure of work. Ludger Eling,  
of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, now wants to set up  
further contacts post-election, post-Fontainebleau, both  
for Anglo-German and CD/Conservative reasons. He seems to  
envisage an occasion where there would be both Special  
Adviser and Private Secretary involvement, eg one session with  
each and lunch with both. But he has not yet been specific  
about venue (obviously we prefer London), or timing. I gave  
him your name as a contact point for the Private Secretaries,  
which I hope is alright. He said he would follow up shortly.

J Houston

cc: Mr Bone  
Mr Sherbourne

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Mr Bone *May* *Huck* *W.*

From: J Houston  
Date: 12 January 1984  
cc: Mr Fairweather, ECD(I)

INFORMAL ANGLO-GERMAN SPECIAL ADVISERS' MEETING

1. I agreed to let you have a note of the main points arising from our discussions on 9 December.
2. Politics and the Administration: The German participants were interested to discuss the roles of Private Offices, Departmental Officials, Special Advisers and the Prime Minister's staff. They were also interested to explore the relationship between party and government. They seemed to find our system excessively de-centralized, insufficiently political, and not appropriately geared to dealing with the modern world of summitry. In particular the capacity of our system for informal contacts, which they saw as essential, did not appear adequate. They were worried about excessive technical detail at summits.
3. Arms Control: They stressed the need for an early Western initiative to pre-empt one from the USSR which could divide Alliance members, or embarrass us with public opinion. There was concern about tendencies in the Federal Republic.
4. Kohl/Mitterrand Summit: They wanted us to be aware of this and to ensure we stayed in play. They said we should all think seriously about our objectives for the EC, and that the UK still needed to show it was actively committed.
5. US Relations: They shared concern about current US postures and the need to deepen consultations, particularly outside the NATO area.
6. EC/Third World: They thought more attention was needed for the EC role as a potential or actual/power bloc in dealings with the Third World; and in particular in the Middle East where the UK and Germany could play a valuable role in helping King Hussein.
7. EC Economic Policy: Existing co-ordination was inadequate. People went to Brussels, explained their policy, and went away. We needed to move towards a Community economic policy framework, otherwise industry would not have the stable basis from which to exploit the common market. Opening up the market was on its own not enough. With three major governments (FDR, France and the UK) pursuing compatible policies this was a good time to make progress.
8. There was a great deal of detail on other points, but I think these are the key points put forward by Herr Teltschick and his colleagues. If there is any specific point you want me to look at my notes on, please let me know.

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*JH*  
J Houston

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+ What exactly is this?  
Clearly we need no  
committee its important  
implications

✓ I've  
heard of

From: J F Houston  
Date: 9 December 1983  
cc: Private Secretary  
Mr Bone  
Mr Hannay  
Mr Fairweather

Secretary of State

MEETING WITH GERMAN VISITORS

1. We had our informal discussions today with the group led by Herr Teltschik (list of participants attached). The only official participation from our side was Robin Butler's presence at lunch. I understand there is a further Private Secretary exchange planned for some time in the new year.

2. Adam Ridley will be producing, with my assistance, a record of the meeting. Only one point of immediate interest arises. At the end of the meeting, Herr Teltschik was signalling quite strongly to us concern about the special Mitterrand-Kohl get-together in January. He was studiously vague but I drew the conclusions that (a) Mitterrand was proposing to put forward a paper for agreement on "European objectives" in the post-Athens situation; (b) that this could produce significant developments; and (c) that the Germans were concerned that the UK should keep an eye on the event and try to be involved.

2. I am not sure what operational conclusions can be drawn but it was clearly something which Teltschik hoped would be passed on.

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J F Houston

British-German Consultation for Special Advisers  
London, 8/9 December, 1983

P R O G R A M M E

Thursday, 8th December 1983

Afternoon

Arrival of German participants

20.00 hours

Dinner hosted by Mr. Adam Ridley  
at his private residence,  
Special Adviser to the Chancellor  
of the Exchequer  
(departure Hotel 19.45 hours)

Friday, 9th December 1983

8.30 hours

Breakfast German participants

9.30 - 12.30 hours

[ National and international economic  
policy  
[ Medium term perspectives as seen  
by the British and Germans

13.00 hours

Lunch

14.30 - 16.30 hours

[ Medium term perspectives for British  
and German foreign policy

- European Community
- NATO / USA - Europe
- East - West

16.40 hours

Departure German participants

18.40

Flight from Heathrow to Cologne

Interpreters: Mrs Karin Band  
Ezra Jurmann

P a r t i c i p a n t s

I. Great Britain

- Steven Shearbourne Special Adviser to Mrs. Thatcher
- Adam Ridley Special Adviser to the Chancellor of the Exchequer
- John Houston Special Adviser to the Foreign Secretary
- Dr. Robert <sup>RAMSAY</sup> James Secretary-General of the European Democratic Group (EDG) in the European Parliament
- Tim Bainbridge Special Adviser to the Chairman of the EDG
- Peter Cropper Director Research Department, Conservative Central Office

II. Federal Republic of Germany

- MinDir. Horst Teltschik Bundeskanzleramt
- Dr. Walter Neuer Bundeskanzleramt
- Dr. Anton Roßbach Bundeskanzleramt
- Ulrich Weißer Bundeskanzleramt
- Dr. Johannes Ludewig Bundeskanzleramt
- Dr. Michael Jansen Foreign Office
- Peter Radunski Secretary-General CDU Central Office Bonn

III. Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation

- Dr. Ludger Eling Director London Office

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TO ROUTINE BONN  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 615 OF 13 DECEMBER  
AND TO PARIS  
INFO SAVING UKREP BRUSSELS

YOUR TEL NO 1063: FRANCO/GERMAN CONTACTS AFTER ATHENS  
1. IN THE COURSE OF PARTY POLITICAL CONTACTS ON 9 DECEMBER  
TELTSCHIK REFERRED TO THE JANUARY MEETING BETWEEN  
CHANCELLOR KOHL AND PRESIDENT MITTERRAND. HE WAS STUDIOUSLY  
VAGUE BUT ALLOWED US TO INFER THAT MITTERRAND WAS PROPOSING  
TO PUT FORWARD A PAPER ON EUROPEAN OBJECTIVES IN THE POST-  
ATHENS SITUATION AND THAT THE GERMANS THOUGHT THAT THIS WAS  
A PROMISING WAY OF PROCEEDING AND ONE WHICH MIGHT BE EXPECTED  
TO PRODUCE SIGNIFICANT RESULTS. TELTSCHIK HINTED THAT THE  
GERMANS WERE CONCERNED THAT WE SHOULD BE AWARE OF WHAT WAS  
GOING ON AND TRY TO AVOID BEING EXCLUDED FROM THE PROCESS.  
2. WITHOUT REFERRING TO THE EXCHANGES OR TO TELTSCHIK,  
GRATEFUL IF YOU AND PARIS COULD THROW ANY FURTHER LIGHT ON  
TELTSCHIK'S REMARKS. WHEN WILL JANUARY MEETING TAKE PLACE.  
3. NOW THAT THE DUST IS SETTLING WE SHALL BE CONSIDERING  
FOLLOW UP TO ATHENS. AMONG THE POSSIBILITIES ARE A CONTACT  
BETWEEN THE PRIME MINISTER AND MITTERRAND (TICKELL'S LETTER  
OF 8 DECEMBER TO FRETWELL). WE SHALL ALSO BE CONSIDERING A  
PRIME MINISTERIAL MESSAGE TO CHANCELLOR KOHL TIMED TO ARRIVE  
BEFORE THE FRANCO/GERMAN MEETING AND DESIGNED TO ENSURE THAT  
OUR INTERESTS IN THE POST-STUTTGART NEGOTIATION ARE NOT  
OVERLOOKED.

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TELEGRAM NUMBER 1161 OF 14 DECEMBER

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INFO SAVING OTHER EC POSTS, WASHINGTON

FCO TELNO 615 TO BONN (NOT TO ALL): MEETING BETWEEN KOHL AND MITTERRAND

1. MOREL (ELYSEE) HAS CONFIRMED TO US WITH SOME RELUCTANCE THAT MITTERRAND PLANNED TO HOLD AN INFORMAL BILATERAL MEETING WITH KOHL ON A DATE STILL TO BE FIXED, EARLY IN THE NEW YEAR. ACCORDING TO MOREL THE MEETING WILL BE HELD LARGELY EN TETE-A-TETE WITH THE MINIMUM OF OFFICIALS PRESENT, ON THE SAME BASIS AS THEIR MEETING IN THE VOSGES LAST JULY, AND WILL COVER A WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES OF JOINT INTEREST.

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YOUR TELNO 615: FRANCO/GERMAN CONTACTS AFTER ATHENS

1. OFFICIALS IN THE KANZLERAMT AND THE AUSWAERTIGES AMT DO NOT KNOW WHEN IN JANUARY THE MEETING BETWEEN CHANCELLOR KOHL AND PRESIDENT MITTERRAND WILL TAKE PLACE. NOR DO THEY KNOW WHAT TOPICS MAY BE COVERED, BUT IT IS THOUGHT LIKELY THAT MCAS WILL BE RAISED.

2. UNGERER (AUSWAERTIGES AMT) EMPHASISED THAT SUCH MEETINGS ARE REGARDED AS 'PRIVATE'. FEW OFFICIALS ARE INVOLVED AND HE DID NOT EXPECT TO KNOW WHAT WOULD BE DISCUSSED UNTIL SHORTLY BEFORE THE MEETING TOOK PLACE.

3. UNGERER DID NOT CONSIDER THAT THE KOHL/MITTERRAND MEETING COULD PLAY A SPECIAL ROLE IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENTS. THE PROBLEMS WERE MUCH TOO SPECIALISED. THE GERMANS AWAIT THE RESULTS OF THE THINKING NOW GOING ON IN PARIS AND THEN EXPECT THE PRESIDENCY TO VISIT MEMBER CAPITALS IN TURN THROUGHOUT JANUARY.

4. THERE IS LITTLE EVIDENCE OF INDEPENDENT GERMAN THINKING ON HOW COMMUNITY PROBLEMS ARE TO BE RESOLVED. FISCHER (AUSWAERTIGES AMT) FOR EXAMPLE IS AWAY IN PEKING. SEVERAL OFFICIALS COMMENT THAT THEY ARE NOT FAR FROM AGREEMENT WITH THE FRENCH ON MCAS, BUT WHEN QUESTIONED ADMIT THAT FAIRLY LARGE SUMS OF MONEY WOULD HAVE TO BE FOUND WITHIN THE GERMAN BUDGET AND STOLTENBERG WILL OPPOSE THIS. WE DO NOT EXPECT THE GERMANS TO ADDRESS THEMSELVES MORE SERIOUSLY TO THE FUTURE, EITHER PROCEDURES OR SUBSTANCE UNTIL AFTER CHRISTMAS.

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1. } "Europe's relationship towards Latin-America"  
A CDU/Conservative dialogue for parliamentarians and experts  
in Wilton Park/Sussex
2. "An Anglo-German approach for a common industrial policy"  
A CDU/Conservative dialogue for parliamentarians (MP's  
and MEPS in Cadenabbia/Italy (KAS Conference Centre)
3. "Small business - policies and programmes"  
Joint seminar with the Small Business Bureau, Conservative  
Central Office in Wilton Park/Sussex
4. "Environmental problems in Germany and Great Britain"  
Joint seminar with the Research Department, Conservative  
Central Office, in London
5. "The future of the European Community"  
Joint seminar with the Young Conservatives and the Junge  
Union in London
6. An Anglo-German round-table discussion for CDU and Con-  
servative Parliamentarians in Bonn (10 MPs from each  
side)
7. "A property owning society - seen by the CDU"  
Information programme for members of the Bow Group in Bonn
8. Information programme for British journalists in Bonn (in  
cooperation with the Press Department, Conservative Central  
Office)
9. // A round-table discussion with staff members of the EDG-  
secretariat in Bonn 29 Feb.  
(European Election Manifesto and Campaign)

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10. "East-West Relations"  
Information programme for Conservative Council Leaders  
in Berlin (1 week)
  
11. "East-West Relations"  
Information programme for Conservative Parliamentarians  
in Berlin (1 week)

Dates for these Conferences will be fixed in December 1983.  
In addition to these programmes members of the Central Office  
and Conservative Parliamentarians will be invited to attend the  
European Conferences of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung in Brussels.

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