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PRIME MINISTER

John Gummer is leading a group of Conservative MPs on a visit to Bonn this weekend for talks with the CDU/CSU. The group will meet Chancellor Kohl.

It would help John Gummer and be good for relations with Kohl if he could be the bearer of a personal message from you. It would only be a gesture: but gestures seem to matter a lot to Kohl and he is susceptible to flattery. Julian Bullard advises privately that a message would be helpful.

I attach a letter which John Gummer could take. If you don't want to write, it could be converted into a speaking note - but I think a letter would be more effective with Kohl (particularly if you can bring yourself to put "Dear Helmut").

*C.D.X.*

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