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PRIME MINISTER

ANGLO-GERMAN SUMMIT

Briefing meeting tomorrow from 1630-1800. List of those attending attached. You have seen the briefs.

If convenient, Patrick Jenkin's subjects should be taken first as he has a back-bench Committee at 1700.

You will want to focus on the issues which Chancellor Kohl is expecting you to raise:

(i) East/West relations and Arms Control

You will want to tell him about Gorbachev and your meeting with Reagan, and make sure that he is on board the four points on SDI (attached).

Foreign Secretary and Defence Secretary should identify particular UK objectives which they want you to secure and warn of possible pitfalls, e.g. German/American efforts to push through increased spending on conventional defence in NATO.

(ii) European Community

Here again you will want advice on specific UK objectives, and the priority between them. Michael Butler's view is that you should press Kohl hard to agree the New Own Resources decision now, otherwise there is no chance of bringing in new own resources before the end of the year, with

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implications for our 1000 m ecu abatement. This might be first priority: a common position on IMPs second: agricultural prices third: and a discussion of Dooge-ery last. (Kohl's priorities are likely to be the opposite).

(iii) Prospect for the Bonn Economic Summit

You will want to ask Kohl how he sees the Summit. You were suspicious of references to measures to ensure better integration of developing countries into the world economy. There is also talk of an initiative on Africa.

(iv) European Defence Co-operation

The briefing gives priority to this, but there does not seem to be much new to say. Defence Secretary could be asked to explain what he wants.

(v) Falklands

Kohl needs to be stiffened generally. There is also a point on arms sales.

(vi) Terrorism

The brief is not very specific. How does Kohl intend to handle this at the Economic Summit?

(vii) Space

Robin Nicholson has suggested that you raise this (separate minute in your box)

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(viii) VE Day

This will rank high on Kohl's list of subjects.  
You will want to soothe him about our intentions.

(ix) Environmental issues

The brief does not offer you anything new to say to the Germans. You could ask Environment Secretary whether he envisages anything other than damage limitation.

(x) Bilateral

You have to announce at the press conference the appointment of Sir Norman Statham (and Dr. Gehlhoff) as special representatives for Anglo-German contacts.

C.D.P.

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LIST OF THOSE ATTENDING BRIEFING MEETING ON ANGLO-GERMAN  
SUMMIT AT 1630 ON THURSDAY 17 JANUARY 1985

Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary

Secretary of State for Defence

Secretary of State for the Environment

Minister of State, Department of Trade and Industry,  
Mr. Channon

H.E. Sir Julian Bullard

Mr. Derek Thomas, Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Sir Peter Harrop, Department of the Environment

Mr. Roy Williams, Department of Trade and Industry

Sir Robin Nicholson, Cabinet Office

Mr. David Nichols, Ministry of Defence

Mr. David Williamson, Cabinet Office.