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From the Private Secretary

21 January 1985

**ANGLO/GERMAN SUMMIT:  
PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING WITH FEDERAL PRESIDENT**

Following the Anglo/German consultations in Bonn on 18 January, the Prime Minister met President von Weizsaecker for forty-five minutes. They met alone.

The Prime Minister has told me that she let the Federal President know that The Queen would be inviting him to pay a State Visit in 1986. He should say nothing about this until it was confirmed in writing. The Federal President was delighted and undertook to say nothing about it for the time being. The Prime Minister has commented that Chancellor Kohl appeared, from remarks which he made to her after lunch that day, to be aware of the invitation.

The Prime Minister and the Federal President had also had a general talk about East/West relations, during which the Prime Minister gave von Weizsaecker an account of her meeting with Gorbachev. The theme of German reunification was not raised.

There was some discussion of the commemoration of the Fortieth Anniversary of VE Day. In the course of this, von Weizsaecker said that the East German people would welcome a VE ceremony at Torgau, the place where British, American and Soviet forces met on 25 April 1945. The East Germans would be pleased because the presence of the United States and ourselves would make them feel less isolated.

I am copying this letter to Richard Mottram in the Ministry of Defence.

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PRIME MINISTER

ANGLO-GERMAN SUMMIT: MEETING WITH THE FEDERAL PRESIDENT

It would be helpful to know:

Did you tell the President about the invitation for a State Visit in 1986?

Yes - he would be delighted.

Did you discuss East/West and German reunification?

I told him to say nothing until

Gorbachev etc.

No.

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Did you discuss VE Day?

Yes -

writing.

Did any other points arise?

N.B. Kohl

seemed to

know

judging from

some remarks

to me just

after lunch.

e.d.p.

He indicated

that the

East German people

would welcome

a VE day ceremony

at Torgla(?), the

place where at the

end of the war the

U.S. soldiers and

the Soviets met. (I will

look at my notes). The

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- less isolated etc

18 January 1985