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Dear Helmut,

I am most grateful to you for the excellent atmosphere of our talks on Friday, which you were kind enough to describe as like a Cabinet meeting. As I said in my remarks at lunch, the usual adjectives do not do justice to the warmth and informality of our meetings, to which your personal contribution is so decisive. I was particularly pleased to confirm how very close our views are on the vital issues of East/West relations and arms control. I was glad, too, that we were able to discuss the sensitive issue of the commemoration of the end of the Second World War and reach a clear understanding about the spirit in which both of us believe this should take place.

I look forward very much to your visit to Chequers in the summer, when we can have a fuller discussion of European Community issues. I shall write to you separately about the particular matter concerning Argentina.

Please also accept the thanks of my whole delegation for your excellent hospitality and for the arrangements made for our visit, as well as my personal thanks for the beautiful clock.

With warm best wishes to you and your wife,

Yours sincerely

Raymond

His Excellency Herr Dr. Helmut Kohl