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From the Private Secretary

29 April 1985

CHANCELLOR KOHL'S VISIT TO CHEQUERS

I can now confirm that the Prime Minister would be grateful if Lady Young could meet the Chancellor at RAF Benson on arrival. You will wish to consider whether she should also escort him as far as Chequers.

We also need to consider whether he should be escorted back to RAF Benson on 19 May.

You may like to inform the Germans that the Prime Minister would be happy to put up Chancellor Kohl, Herr Ruhfus and Herr Teltschik at Chequers for the night. We are booking rooms at the nearby Bernard Arms for Herr Neuer and Herr Weber.

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PRIME MINISTER

CHANCELLOR KOHL'S VISIT TO CHEQUERS, 18 MAY

It would be helpful to have your wishes on:

- (a) meeting Herr Kohl at RAF Benson on arrival.
The Foreign Secretary thinks that Lady Young should meet him. She is the Minister responsible for bilateral relations with West Germany; and lives near by.

Agree?

Yes mk

- (b) accommodation at Chequers. Miss Thomas thinks that everyone can be fitted in (please see attached note). But you may think this is a bit too much. Some of us can easily go to a hotel.

Agree to Miss Thomas' room allocation?

or

Prefer three or four to go to a hotel?

CDP

Hen Weber -

Ph. Lederer to go to hotel.

26 April 1985



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From the Private Secretary

26 April 1985

CHANCELLOR KOHL'S VISIT TO CHEQUERS

Thank you for your letter of 20 April about Chancellor Kohl's visit to Chequers.

I am fairly certain that the Prime Minister would be very grateful if Lady Young were to meet Chancellor Kohl. But I shall confirm that she herself does not wish to do so.

My impression from talking to Horst Teltschik is that the Chancellor wishes to focus very much on the future development of the Community. But I agree that it would be wise to be prepared for discussion also of East/West relations, arms control and SDI, particularly when the Foreign Secretary is present.

The working lunch on 18 May and the breakfast on 19 May will be three a side; and the talks three a side throughout.

I agree there should be no press conference (although there will be a photocall on arrival). We shall agree a line for the press, for spokesmen on both sides to use.

I am not grateful to you for arranging for Herr Lederer to interpret.

(CHARLES POWELL)

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26 April 1985

Dear Charles,

Chancellor Kohl's Visit to Chequers: 18 May

Thank you for your letter of 19 April outlining the arrangements for participation for the Prime Minister's meeting with Chancellor Kohl. The Foreign Secretary and Lady Howe look forward to attending the dinner of 18 May.

The last small-scale bilateral meeting in February 1983 (when Kohl and Genscher came), the Prime Minister herself greeted Kohl on arrival. If the Prime Minister does not wish to do this again (and the Foreign Secretary does not think it necessary), we propose that Lady Young, who lives nearby and is Minister of State responsible for bilateral relations with the FRG, should greet Chancellor Kohl. We shall, as usual, arrange for a Special Representative to accompany Kohl on departure.

I should like to clarify some other points, so that we can commission briefing and confirm the administrative arrangements.

Agenda

The principal focus will naturally be on the future development of the Community and our own ideas on formalising the arrangements for political cooperation. But Sir Geoffrey recommends in addition some discussion of developments in East/West and transatlantic relations, and of arms control and disarmament: Kohl has just made a statement about SDI to the Bundestag. As always he is likely to want to compare notes on the political scene. (His visit falls one week after important Land elections in North Rhine Westphalis.

Programme

/ I attach an outline programme. Does the Prime Minister envisage breakfast on 20 May tête-à-tête, or a working breakfast attended by the officials? Who will attend the working lunch on 19 May?

Will the Prime Minister want the talks to be three a side throughout?

We have arranged for Mr Lederer to act as interpreter.

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Publicity

Sir Geoffrey doubts whether this meeting would lend itself to a press conference. The Department will be in touch with Ian Murray about announcing the visit.

I am sending a copy of this letter to David Williamson at the Cabinet Office.

Yours ever,

Colin Budd

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Private Secretary

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OUTLINE PROGRAMME FOR CHANCELLOR KOHL'S VISIT TO CHEQUERS: 18-19 MAY

18 May

1150 Chancellor Kohl arrives RAF Benson
Leave RAF Benson by car
1230 Arrive Chequers
1300 Working lunch
1430-1600 Talks
1600-1630 Tea
1630-1800 Talks
1915 for 1945 Dinner

19 May

0830 Breakfast
0930 Chancellor Kohl departs Chequers

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18 May

17:00

Chancellor Kohl arrives RAF Hansholt

Leave RAF Hansholt by car

15:00

Active Chancellors

12:00

Working lunch

14:30-16:00

Talks

16:00-17:30

tea

17:30-18:00

Talks

18:15 for 1942

Dinner

13 May

04:00

Working breakfast

00:30

Chancellor Kohl departs Garmisch