

PRIME MINISTER

ANGLO/GERMAN SUMMIT

The Anglo-German Summit is on Wednesday. It is rather smaller than the Anglo-French affair - only four Ministers on each side - but will follow exactly the same pattern. After lunch you and Chancellor Kohl go briefly to the Royal Academy to see the Exhibition of Modern German Art.

I suggest that your main purpose at the Summit is to let Kohl out of the penalty box for his behaviour at the Milan European Council: but to play on his guilty feelings (so far as anyone so thick skinned has them) to induce him to pay particular attention to your points of view this time round.

The first three or four hours - if you let him - will be devoted to gloating over the latest opinion polls in Germany, the state of the German economy, the fantastic sales of the latest biography of him (I am arranging to supply you with a copy. You might ask him to autograph it. He would never suspect a tease.) If you can bring him back to earth, I suggest that you start with East/West Relations and the US/Soviet Summit. This is a subject on which you can readily agree and show a united front at the press conference. You will find him interested in our intentions on participation in SDI research. He is hampered by Genscher who doesn't want Germany to take part; and is anxious not to fall too far behind us.

You will want to move on to European Community affairs. Your two main messages to him here are that you don't intend to be bounced by another case of Franco-German ganging up; and that it is no good his having unrealistic expectations of what you will be prepared to accept at Luxembourg. You are ready  
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to work for decisions there but a lot of what is being discussed remains well above your minimum. There will be agreement only if the more ambitious countries recognise that the best can be the enemy of the good. You will in particular want to try to nail him down tight to opposing monetary amendments to the Treaty. The best outcome would be something which you could say publicly at the press conference, to the effect that the two of you agreed that amendments on monetary matters were undesirable. You might also take him through some of the other points, with which he is unlikely to have even a passing acquaintance: internal market, technology, environment, Assembly, political co-operation, French proposal on European Union.

You will want to pin him down to a German abstention in the Falklands Vote.

Some unusual problems which he intends to raise are:

- (i) UNESCO. He wants to convince you to stay in (a bit like Daniel trying to convert the lions to vegetarianism).
- (ii) Solta~~M~~-Lueneberg Training Area. The Germans are keen to have our British Forces, but would be grateful if they would desist from training at weekends and during the summer (as far as I know, there is no corresponding agreement by the Russians not to invade then). You will want to point out that armies cannot fight if they cannot train.
- (iii) Draft dodgers in Berlin. He is in a great state because long-haired draft dodgers are flooding into Berlin where they all vote Social Democrat or worse. We cannot tamper with Berlin's demilitarized status. The problem is one for the German authorities to solve themselves, e.g. by changing call-up rules.

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(iv) 1977 Additional Protocols to 1949 Geneva Convention.

This is so complicated even in English, let alone German, that it can safely be relegated to Ambassadors to deal with.

You might suggest that you and he make a joint visit to BAOR after the next Summit in Germany. This would rub in the point about the scale and quality of our contribution to Germany's security (though you will want to be sure that any tank he is allowed to drive is facing towards Moscow not London!)

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