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E.C. Spoke to

T.P., Berlin

Prime Minister

29/9/1980

Franz-Josef Strauss - German Elections

1. John Patten is going to speak at the final C.D.U. Rally in Bonn on Friday 3rd October.
2. He has been asked whether you will send, either through him, or to Strauss direct, a message of good wishes.
3. There may well be powerful diplomatic reasons why you should not do this but I thought that I ought to pass this request on to you.



Ian Gow

25th September 1980

As you surmise -
it is just not-
possible. Nothing
must be said in my
name.
mf.

PATTEN MP

25th September 1980

C.D.U. - Possible Message from the Prime Minister

Mahy thanks for having sent the Telex about the Rally in Bonn, which you are to address tomorrow week.

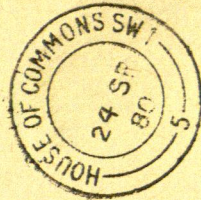
I have put a note about this in the Prime Minister's Box.

Ian Gow MP

John Patten Esq MP

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DEUTSCHER BUNDESTAG BONN
24. SEPTEMBER 1980 16.15H

TO THE RT HON
JOHN PATTEN MP
HOUSE OF COMMONS
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DEAR FRIEND,
MY FRIENDS IN THE CDU AND ESPECIALLY I MYSELF ARE VERY PLEASED INDEED THAT YOU WILL SHORTLY BE COMING TO BONN TO ASSIST US IN OUR ELECTION CAMPAIGN. THIS VISIT IN THE SPIRIT OF OUR CHARTER OF FRIENDSHIP AND CO-OPERATION IS PARTICULARLY WELCOME AT THIS STAGE OF OUR DIFFICULT CAMPAIGN BECAUSE YOU AND I ARE TO APPEAR IN PUBLIC SO THAT YOU CAN BE SURE OF A LARGE AUDIENCE.

IN THE COURSE OF THE MANY TELEPHONE CALLS BETWEEN JUERGEN WAHL AND HENRY MOSOLF AND THE CENTRAL OFFICE A NUMBER OF POINTS HAVE REMAINED UNCLEAR.

BEFOR THE ELECTIONS DR. STRAUSS WILL BE IN BONN ONLY ONE MORE TIME. HE WILL RECEIVE YOU AND ME OB THURSDAY, 2. OCTOBER, EARLA IN THE AFTERNOON FOR A BRIEF TALK. DR. STRAUSS WOULD LIKE TO MENTION MRS. THATCHER'S PERSONAL LETTER ON THE SAME NIGHT IN TELEVISION.

ON FRIDAY, 3. OCTOBER, THE CDU OF BONN WILL STAGE ITS LAST AND MOST IMPORTANT RALLY BEFOR THE ELECTIONS. WE WOULD ASK YOU TO PREPARE A SHORT SPEECH WHICH WE WILL HAVE TRANSLATED AND PRINTED FOLLOWING YOUR ARRIVAL AND WILL THEN DISTRIBUTE. THE MAIN SPEAKER ON THAT NIGHT WILL BE DR. RAINER BARZEL. MAY I ASK YOU TWO QUESTIONS:

- CAN WE BE SURE THAT YOU WILL BRING A -- P E R S O N A L -- LETTER FROM MRS. --THATCHER-- TO DR. STRAUSS WITH YOU? AS YOU KNOW, LEADERS OF THE CP BESIDES MRS. THATCHER ARE NOT KNOWN TO THE GERMAN PUBLIC. *? No ? Lead Thatcher*

- WILL YOU DEFINITELY BE ABLE TO SPEAK AT THE RALLY ON THE EVENING OF 3. OCTOBER, AND WITH WHICH FLIGHT DO YOU WANT TO LEAVE BONN ON 4. OCTOBER? *yes*

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: JUERGEN WAHL WILL MEET YOU AT THE AIRPORT 2. OCTOBER AT 9.30H A.M.

HENRY MOSOLF TOLD JUERGEN WAHL THAT HE EXPECTED US TO REFUND YOUR FLIGHT TICKET SINCE THE CDU WAS BEING FINANCED BY THE STATE. THAT IS UNFORTUNATELY NOT THE CASE. WE HAVE TO FINANCE OUR FOURTH ELECTION CAMPAIGN WITHIN ONE YEAR. FOR PURPOSES SUCH AS THIS, PUBLIC FUNDS ARE ALLOCATED ONLY CENTRALLY AND NOT LOCALLY. PROVIDED THE ABOVE PROGRAMME IS EXECUTED, HOWEVER, I AM IN A POSITION TO QUARANTEE THAT YOUR FLIGHT TICKET WILL BE REFUNDED. IN BONN YOU WILL OF COURSE BE OUR GUEST.

MEANSHILE, HENRY MOSOLF HAS ADVISED US THAT HE WILL ARRIVE ALREADY ON 29. SEPTEMBER. GIVEN OUR LIMITED FUNDS WE MUST TREAT HIS VISIT AS A PRIVATE ONE AND CAN PAY HIS HOTEL EXPENSES ONLY FOR THE PERIOD OF TIME DURING WHICH YOU WILL BE HERE AS WELL, I.E. FROM 2 TO 4 OCTOBER, WHICH WE ASK YOU KINDLY TO UNDERSTAND.

IM AM LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR MEETING AND TO OUR DISCUSSIONS WHICH WILL ALSO BE CONCERNED WITH THE CONTINUATION OF OUR CO-OPERATION.

KIND REGARDS AN BEST WISHES,
YOURS,
ALO HAUSER

P.S.:
PLEASE TELEX TO THE FOLLOWING BUNDESTAG, TELEX NUMBER 886808.

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