



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

7 March 1983

GERMAN ELECTIONS

Thank you for your letter of 4 March. As you know, the Prime Minister sent a message of congratulations to Chancellor Kohl on Sunday.

The Prime Minister telephoned the Chancellor this afternoon. She repeated her congratulations on his great personal triumph and said that the British Government was delighted with the result which had encouraging implications for the whole Western Alliance. The Chancellor thanked her and said that he hoped all would go well in the British elections when the time came.

The Prime Minister conveyed her warm regards to Frau Kohl. The Chancellor said that today was his wife's 50th birthday.

Finally, Mrs. Thatcher said that she was delighted that the Liberals had also done well and asked that her congratulations be conveyed to Herr Genscher. She looked forward to seeing the Chancellor at the European Council. The Chancellor said that he also looked forward to this and other occasions in the future for working together. He was most grateful to the Prime Minister for telephoning him.

I am copying this letter to Richard Hatfield.

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