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From the Private Secretary

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ANGLO-GERMAN SPECIAL ADVISERS/PRIVATE SECRETARY CONTACTS

I have been lamentably slow in replying to your letter of 29 June about the prospects for a further Anglo-German Special Advisers/Private Secretaries meeting. But I have been thinking about it.

My conclusion, which is shared by Robin Butler, is that there is a real risk that joint Special Adviser/Private Secretary meetings will increase rather than dispel confusion on the German side about the respective roles of the two species, which arises from the fact that they make no distinction between them. We are not, therefore, in favour of such a meeting.

We have told Julian Bullard that we are ready to explain to a number of Chancellor Kohl's staff how No. 10 operates, how advice reaches the Prime Minister and so on. He will suggest this to them. We intend the occasion to be a self-contained one. I am under no illusion about the difficulty of arranging it to meet everyone's diary problems. One possibility, though a slim one, is in the margins of the Anglo-German summit. An alternative would be to do it on the occasion of but separate from a Special Advisers' meeting. So it would be helpful to be kept informed of the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung's plans for a Special Advisers' meeting. But we would want to organise Private Secretary contacts separately.

I am copying this letter to Colin Budd (Foreign and Commonwealth Office) and Stephen Sherbourne.

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*Dear Charles,*

CHANCELLOR KOHL

1. Thank you for your letter of 27 September, which you discussed with Sir Antony Acland on 28 September. It was agreed that it would be sensible for the Private Secretaries at No 10 to get in touch with members of Chancellor Kohl's staff, to explain how the Prime Minister's Office operates. In doing so you would be able to build on your own existing links with Bergsdorff and Teltschik. It was agreed that you would write to Sir Julilan Bullard, in reply to his letter of 25 September to you, asking him to make the necessary arrangements. It was agreed that this could, of course, only be a first step in trying to establish warmer personal relations between the Prime Minister and Chancellor Kohl, but that it was worth doing.

2. You also left with Sir Antony Acland a copy of a letter from the Prime Minister to Chancellor Kohl which Mr Gummer will take with him to Bonn.

*Yours ever,*

*Michael Jay*

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