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15 March 1985

Dear Charles,

Königswinter Conference 1985: 21-23 March

It has been the tradition that the Prime Minister send a short message of goodwill to the annual Königswinter Conferences.

This year's Conference will take place from 21-23 March in Königswinter. Its theme will be 'Today's flashpoints - tomorrow's explosions' (programme enclosed).

I enclose a draft message for the Prime Minister's consideration. It would be read out at the opening ceremony by Lady Young, representing the Government, and incorporated in the record of the proceedings.

Whereas on previous occasions the Foreign Secretary has sent a separate message in addition, the organisers have sensibly suggested that this year the Prime Minister's message should incorporate his greetings. On the German side there will only be one message, from Chancellor Kohl, instead of the customary three, as the Federal President and Foreign Minister are attending in person. There is a feeling that in the past the reading of as many as five messages has been too much of a good thing and the organisers wish to set an economical precedent this year.

Yours ever,
Colin Budd

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Private Secretary

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KOENIGSWINTER

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GEOFFREY HOWE AND I WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS. MARGARET THATCHER.
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PRIME MINISTER

Message to the Konigswinter Conference. The theme this year is:

"Today's Flashpoints: Tomorrow's Explosions?"

You are asked to include Geoffrey Howe in your message, so that they do not have to read a separate one from him(!).

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Koenigswinter has over the years contributed enormously to the close links between Britain and Germany and has indeed become symbolic of them. I welcome your choice of a provoking theme for this year's Conference. Governments need all the help available in preventing flashpoints from leading to explosions and I hope your discussions will identify practical ways to do this. Geoffrey Howe and I wish you every success.

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XXXV. DEUTSCH-ENGLISCHES GESPRÄCH

Königswinter, 21. – 23. März 1985

Adam-Stegerwald-Haus

WARNSIGNALE HEUTE – BRANDHERDE MORGEN?

TODAY'S FLASHPOINTS – TOMORROW'S EXPLOSIONS?

DEUTSCH-ENGLISCHE GESELLSCHAFT E.V.

ARBEITSGRUPPEN / STUDY GROUPS

I. Auf dem Wege zur Erneuerung des Ost-West-Dialogs

- Neueinschätzung der Ost-West-Beziehungen in Washington und Moskau, einschließlich der Abrüstungsverhandlungen
- Interessen und Perspektiven Osteuropas
- Die politische und wirtschaftliche Rolle Westeuropas, die Wiederbelebung der WEU

Towards Renewal of the East-West Dialogue

- Re-assessment of East-West relations in Washington and Moscow covering arms control negotiations
- East European interests and perspectives
- The role of Western Europe, political and economic: the revival of WEU

Chairman:

David Watt

Referent/Introducer:

Admiral Sir James Eberle

Berichterstatter/Rapporteur:

II. Die Deutsche Frage auf dem Prüfstand

- Was wollen die Deutschen?
- Die europäische Dimension
- Was ist in Ost und West möglich?
- Ziele, Hoffnungen und Befürchtungen der Verbündeten und Nachbarn Deutschlands

The German Question Revisited

- What do the Germans want?
- The European dimension
- Conditions in East and West: what is possible?
- Goals, hopes and fears of Germany's allies and neighbours

Chairman:

Prof. Dr. Karl Kaiser

Referent/Introducer:

Prof. Dr. Michael Stürmer

Berichterstatter/Rapporteur:

III. Regelung industrieller Konflikte

- Wandlung der industriellen Strukturen und ihre Auswirkungen auf die Arbeitslosigkeit
- Belastungen der Beziehungen zwischen den Sozialpartnern in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland und in Großbritannien; scheitern die Bemühungen um Konsens?
- Der gesetzliche Rahmen: Freiwilligkeit oder Zwang?

Industrial Conflicts and their Management

- Changes in industry and their effects on unemployment
- Strains on industrial relations in Britain and Germany, an end to the search for consensus?
- The law, control or coercion?

Chairman:	Rt. Hon. William Rodgers
Referent/Introducer:	Peter McGregor
Berichterstatter/Rapporteur:	Wolfgang Roth, MdB

IV. Umweltschutz – Mythos und Wirklichkeit

- Industriegesellschaft: sind Wachstum und Lebensqualität scheinbare oder echte Alternativen?
- Entwicklungsländer: Fragen zur Rettung ihrer gefährdeten Umwelt

Ecology – Myths and Reality

- The industrial society: growth or the quality of life – a false or real choice?
- The developing world: saving a fragile ecology?

Chairman:	
Referent/Introducer:	Prof. Dr. Ernst-U. von Weizsäcker
Berichterstatter/Rapporteur:	

Winding-up address: George Robertson, MP.

Chairman der Plenarsitzung: Mrs. Lynda Chalker, MP.

Drei Arbeitsgruppen sind mit einer Simultan-Übersetzungsanlage versehen, eine Arbeitsgruppe wird in Englisch diskutieren.

Three study groups will be provided with simultaneous translation, one group will discuss in English.

TIME-TABLE

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

- approx. 12.00 Arrival of British participants from London
- approx. 14.30 Arrival of group of British participants from Berlin
- 13.00 Luncheon at the Adam-Stegerwald-Haus
- 15.30 Opening Session
 - The themes of the study groups outlined briefly by the introducers followed by short discussion
 - Break for tea or coffee
- 17.30 Enrolment in the study groups
- 20.00 Reception given by the Federal German Government

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

- 7.45 – 8.45 Breakfast
- 9.00 Group discussions begin
- 10.30 Break for tea or coffee
- 11.00 – 12.00 Continuation of the group discussions
- 12.30 Luncheon
- 14.30 Continuation of the group discussions
- 16.00 Break for tea or coffee
- 16.30 – 18.30 Continuation of the group discussions
- 20.00 Buffet Supper given by H.E. The British Ambassador, Sir Julian Bullard, KCMG., and Lady Bullard, at Heisterbachstrasse 39, Bonn-Bad Godesberg

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

- 7.45 – 8.45 Breakfast
- 9.00 – 13.00 Condensed reports on the work of the study groups (approx. 10 minutes each).
 - Short break, followed by plenary discussion and winding-up address
- 13.30 Luncheon
 - Conference ends
- 16.00 Departure of British participants for Cologne/Bonn Airport for group flight to London

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DRAFT MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE KOENIGSWINTER CONFERENCE

I send you my very best wishes for this year's Koenigswinter Conference. Geoffrey Howe joins me in wishing you every success.

Since you last met, the resolution of long-standing problems in the Community and the resumption of talks on arms control have ^{raised} ~~kindled~~ new hopes for international cooperation, both within the Community and in relations between East and West. Your theme highlights the need for all countries to work together to resolve the tensions in the world today, and to create a tomorrow worthy of these hopes. The exceptional warmth and friendship of relations between the United Kingdom and Germany and the historic experience and responsibilities of our two countries mean that our joint contribution to this process is a very special one.

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Koenigswinter has become symbolic of these close ties between ~~us.~~ ^{Britain & Germany} Your discussions will, I know, help to sustain and to reinforce them, as they have done for 35 years.

and has added become symbolic of them. The intimacy between us should be encouraged. I encourage you to speak frankly. I hope you have close relationships with Germany which I hope will be exciting. Germany is a stimulant to look for.

I welcome your ~~exciting~~ choice of ~~workings~~ theme & wish you every success in ~~finding~~ ways to prevent flashpoints from exploding.

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