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*Prime Minister*  
*This seems to*  
*be made a bit of a*  
*meal of it. But it*  
*can't do any harm.*

14 July 1986

*Dear Charles,*

*Agree?*  
*CDP 14/7.*

*Yes no*

Chancellor Kohl

Sir Julian Bullard, in commenting on President von Weizsäcker's State Visit, has said he sees a risk that Chancellor Kohl, who judges most things by the test of political advantage, may feel his own nose slightly out of joint as a result of the President's success in Britain. With this in mind the Ambassador aims to see Kohl again before the summer break to reassure him that we are in no danger of forgetting where power resides in the Federal Republic, and to show we are aware that the wave of goodwill which von Weizsäcker was able to ride is in no small degree the result of German achievements in the 3½ years since Kohl became Chancellor.

Sir Julian Bullard thought that the Prime Minister might want to convey thoughts on these lines in a message to Kohl which he could deliver. Sir Geoffrey Howe thinks that this suggestion has much to commend it but that it would be best for the Ambassador to speak in the Prime Minister's name. I enclose a draft telegram.

*Yours ever,*

*Colin Budd*

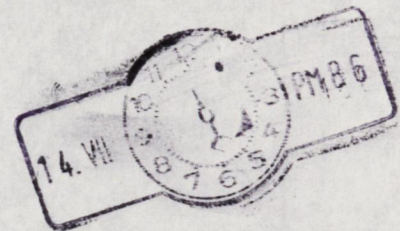
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*From the Private Secretary*

15 July 1986

CHANCELLOR KOHL

Thank you for your letter of 14 July enclosing draft instructions to Sir Julian Bullard in Bonn for his talk with Chancellor Kohl. These may issue.

(Charles Powell)

Colin Budd, Esq.,  
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