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THE GULF: BURDEN-SHARING

The Prime Minister had a brief word with Chancellor Kohl before the start of the European Council this evening. Chancellor Kohl said that he would shortly be replying to the Prime Minister's letter about burden-sharing. The tone of the reply would be positive, although it would be cast in rather general terms. He proposed that details should subsequently be sorted out between me and Herr Teltschik. He thought the Prime Minister would be well satisfied. The Prime Minister said that she was extremely grateful for this and looked forward to receiving the letter.

I am copying this letter to Simon Webb (MOD), John Gieve (Treasury) and Sir Robin Butler (Cabinet Office).

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