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WILLIAMSBURG AND STUTTGART

Following your meeting with the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary today, I have arranged a meeting at 0930 on Tuesday (the Chancellor is away on Monday) to discuss the question of representation at these two events.

Stuttgart

Sir Jock Taylor is seeking an appointment to call on Chancellor Kohl on Thursday of this week. I shall let you have a proposed telegram of instructions tomorrow.

Sir Michael Butler rang today to report that some people in Brussels, including Emile Noël (the Secretary General of the Commission), are beginning to talk about postponing the European Council until after the UK elections - and so as not to put Italian noses out of joint, until after the Italian elections as well. This would mean a meeting right at the end of June. The thought in these peoples minds is that there would be a better chance at the end of June of your agreeing to an increase in own resources, which you would not contemplate during an election campaign.

Postponement until late June would in some ways be a help. But we should not become too excited about the prospect. There has not been the slightest hint from the Germans that they could contemplate this - and the difficulty of getting Heads of Government together for a new date may well be quite insuperable. Nor can we reasonably ask for a postponement since the date of the Council was fixed before our election date.

I have asked the FCO to consider advice on the question of postponement and this will be available tomorrow also.

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The Chancellor of H.G. Exchequer told me that he thought that postponement, if it could be achieved, was a very attractive course. ✓
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Williamsburg

I attach a reply from President Reagan to your message. He wants you to go to Williamsburg and suggests that you could attend from noon on the Sunday until the "formal closing" on the Monday. I think we can reply after your meeting next week.

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FOLLOWING PERSONAL FOR PRIVATE SECRETARY, NO 10 DOWNING ST.

1. MIKE DEEVER HAS JUST TELEPHONED TO SAY THAT IN DISCUSSION WITH WHITE HOUSE STAFF, THE PRESIDENT HAD SAID THAT NO PRESSURE WAS TO BE PUT ON THE PRIME MINISTER ONE WAY OR ANOTHER ABOUT HER ATTENDANCE AT THE WILLIAMSBURG SUMMIT. QUOTE HELL UNQUOTE HE IS REPORTED AS SAYING QUOTE THE MAIN THING IS FOR HER TO GET RE-ELECTED. UNQUOTE

2. DEEVER, WHO HAS A KEEN EYE FOR THE VISUAL IN POLITICS, ADDED IN HIS OWN RIGHT THAT IF THE PRIME MINISTER WERE ABLE TO GET TO WILLIAMSBURG, FOR HOWEVER SHORT A TIME, THERE WOULD BE QUOTE PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES UNQUOTE.

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