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THE PRIME MINISTER

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**PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
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*My dear Chancellor.*

Thank you for your recent letter in which you outlined the subjects on which discussions should focus at next month's Economic Summit in Bonn.

I find myself in agreement with virtually all that you say. Certainly we should concentrate on economic issues in our discussions, with the aim of achieving consistent macro-economic policies and, particularly in the European countries represented at the Summit, of encouraging enterprise and helping the labour market to work more efficiently to reduce unemployment. Trade policy issues will be of central importance. As you say, the world trading community will look to the Economic Summit countries to demonstrate leadership. We must, I believe, commit ourselves to work for the successful launching in 1986 of a new Round of multi-lateral trade negotiations. In the light of the outcome of the OECD Ministerial this should be perfectly feasible. We should point out to the developing countries, particularly those with debt problems, that it is the strengthening of the open trading system which offers them the best hope of stable economic growth.

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I endorse the importance you attach to the preservation of the informality of our meeting. In this way we can have a real exchange of views, to which I am much looking forward.

Yours sincerely  
Nayanshu Shastri

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His Excellency Herr Dr. Helmut Kohl.