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From the Private Secretary

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## GERMANY

The Prime Minister told the Foreign Secretary this evening that she was considering getting together a few academic and other experts on Germany and Central Europe for an informal discussion one evening. The sort of names she had in mind were Hugh Trevor-Roper, Gordon Brooke-Shepherd, George Urban, Melvin Lasky and the author of a book on modern Germany which had greatly impressed her (this is Craig - but I do not know what vintage he is). The Foreign Secretary very much welcomed the suggestion and himself put forward the name of Timothy Garton-Ash. He would let the Prime Minister have a few other suggestions after consulting Christopher Mallaby.

It would be helpful if you could let me have some names, perhaps ten in all, as soon as possible so that we can proceed to make some arrangements.

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