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INFO IMMEDIATE UKMIS NEW YORK

*Prime Minister
You could manage
7 April or
Chequers.*

UKMIS NEW YORK FOLLOWING PERSONAL FOR PRIVATE SECRETARY

DE KLERK'S VISIT TO BRITAIN

*Agreed
EM.*

1. AS REPORTED BY TELEPHONE, VAN HEERDEN CONTACTED ME TO SAY THAT DE KLERK WAS NOW ANXIOUS TO BRING FORWARD HIS PROPOSED VISIT ABROAD TO THE PERIOD 25 MARCH TO 10 APRIL. DE KLERK WANTED THE PRIME MINISTER TO BE CONSULTED FIRST ABOUT THE POSSIBILITIES FOR A MEETING WITH HER BEFORE GETTING IN TOUCH WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS.

2. HAVING CHECKED WITH NO 10 AND THE PRIVATE OFFICE I TOLD VAN HEERDEN THAT A MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER IN THE WEEK BEGINNING 25 MARCH WOULD BE VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE. A MEETING AT CHECQUERS MIGHT BE POSSIBLE ON SATURDAY 7 APRIL, PROVIDED THAT WEEKEND WERE NOT CHOSEN FOR THE PROPOSED EUROPEAN SUMMIT.

3. VAN HEERDEN THANKED ME FOR THIS. HE SAID THAT IT WAS NOW LIKELY THAT DE KLERK WOULD TRY TO GO FOR THESE EARLIER DATES.

4. FCO PLEASE ADVANCE TO NO 10 DOWNING STREET.

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From the Private Secretary

23 February 1990

PRESIDENT DE KLERK

I have seen Cape Town telegram no. 117 about the likelihood that President de Klerk will want to bring forward his visit to Britain to 7 April. I confirm the Prime Minister would be willing to see him on that day at Chequers.

Charles Powell

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