

PRIME MINISTER

BILATERAL WITH THE FOREIGN SECRETARY

You have a bilateral with the Foreign Secretary tomorrow. There is not a great deal which is pressing on the agenda. But the main items might be:

- Germany. Chancellor Kohl has had to back down on the Polish border issue, which is likely to make him even more grumpy and difficult. Meanwhile, the Four plus Two group are to have their first meeting next week: and the momentum of work in the European Community is beginning to pick up. We need fairly soon from the FCO the promised material on building up the CSCE, on which you might be able to draw for your speech at the Konigswinter Conference.
- Strategic implications of German unification. You saw the FCO paper on this at the weekend and commented that it was a good one, although you raised a number of detailed points which I have passed on to the FCO. I am trying to set a time when you could talk to the Foreign and Defence Secretaries about it.
- President Bush. We have still had no reply from the White House to our feelers about a meeting between you and the President. Meanwhile, you saw my note which suggested that the President has misunderstood some of your views on German unification and its consequences: and is concerned about the poor state of Anglo-German relations. This is all the more reason for a face-to-face meeting rather than relying on the telephone.
- Middle East. You are to see King Hussein on Sunday. He continues to remain detached from the peace process and I do not think you will tempt him back, although he is generally supportive of the efforts the Americans are making to arrange a meeting between Israel, Egypt and Palestinian representatives. It is difficult to see at the moment what

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we can expect from Sunday's meeting with the King, other than re-establishing contact after a relatively long break and keeping him cheerful. Your speech to the Board of Deputies of British Jews will have pleased him.

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