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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Helmut,

I send you my warmest congratulations on the success of your visit to the Soviet Union. Securing President Gorbachev's agreement to a united Germany in NATO is a mighty step forward in the interests of Europe and the West as a whole. We must hope the other external aspects of unification can now be dealt with rapidly in the Two plus Four Group so that the whole process can be brought to a successful conclusion by the end of the year.

I hope you will now be able to enjoy a well-earned rest and holiday.

Warm regards,

Yours ever

Raymond

His Excellency Dr. Helmut Kohl

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