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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Jean Th. Turner

Thank you for your letter of 25th February.

I am very pleased to learn of the plans of the EDG to offer assistance to the emerging political parties in East Germany and Hungary. It is likely that the socialist parties will have access to far greater resources than the fledgling parties of the centre-right and so I am sure that any help you can give will be invaluable.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Prime Minister

You asked me to keep you informed about the activities of the European Democratic Group in the Eastern European elections. We are now arranging with the Christian Democratic Union in Germany to place 15 of our members in specific assignments in each of the three weeks up to election day in East Germany, and also in the final week of the election in Hungary in the following week.

I understand that the Christian Democrats believe that the local elections in East Germany on 6 May 1990 may turn out to be of great interest depending on the results in the national election, and therefore we shall help them in those elections too.

I know from my talks with the German CDU that they would appreciate the presence of Conservative MPs if this were possible, and I have informed Sir James Spicer that we would forward the names of any MPs if they can be spared.

Yours sincerely
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