



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

9 July, 1984

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Chancellor Kohl*

Dear Henry,

As you know, the Federal Chancellor, Dr. Kohl, and I discussed at Chequers on 2 May ways in which we could make a personal contribution to further improving co-operation between British Conservatives and German Christian Democrats. Clearly a co-ordinated effort in the European Parliament will be especially necessary after the Socialist gains in the European elections.

Chancellor Kohl and I agreed at Chequers that both of us would nominate a personal representative to discuss ways of giving renewed impetus to co-operation between our two Parties in the European Parliament. I should be very grateful if you would take on this role. I know you have this very much in mind, but I hope that the knowledge that Chancellor Kohl and I are taking a personal interest will help further progress.

I hope very much that you and your German equivalent will take all appropriate steps, whether on a political or official level, to ensure that collaboration between Conservatives and German Christian Democrats is as close as possible in the next five years. I should like to be kept informed when appropriate of the progress you are making. I would, of course, give careful consideration to any proposals you might put to me for more effective co-operation on Community matters between our two Parties, and if necessary seek to raise the matter with Dr. Kohl.

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I am writing to Chancellor Kohl and shall send him a copy of this letter.

Yours

Raymond

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12th July, 1984

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, MP
The Prime Minister,
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Dear Prime Minister,

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Thank you very much for your kind letter of 9th July. I am very grateful for the personal interest that you and Dr. Kohl have taken in the European Parliament. I should, of course, be delighted to act as your representative in discussions with the German Christian Democrats in the Parliament and look forward to learning who my German colleague in these discussions will be.

I shall naturally keep you informed of the progress we are making, and am sure that our Conservative collaboration with the Germans will be greatly enhanced by your and the Federal Chancellor's initiative.

*Yours sincerely,
Henry*

HENRY PLUMB

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From the Private Secretary

13 July 1984

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EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

I enclose a copy of the reply from Sir Henry Plumb to the Prime Minister's letter inviting him to act as her representative in discussions with the German Christian Democrats.

Charles Powell

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office.