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KOHL ON EUROPEAN UNION

1. IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION ABOUT THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION AND WHETHER TWO-SPEED EUROPE WAS STILL ON THE AGENDA, KOHL, IN AN INTERVIEW TODAY WITH DIE WELT, AFTER REFERRING TO THE DOGGE COMMITTEE, SAID THAT "WE WANT TO RESERVE A DAY AT THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL IN ROME IN JUNE FOR DISCUSSING THE REPORT AND, IF POSSIBLE, TAKING DECISIONS ON IT. OUR AIM IS CLEAR. WE WANT TO TAKE A DECISIVE STEP IN THE DIRECTION OF POLITICAL INTEGRATION. WE KNOW THAT OTHER MEMBER STATES ARE ALSO READY. WE DO NOT WANT, AND SHALL NOT BE CONTENT WITH, A DECLARATION OF INTENTION AND FINE PHRASES. THE FATHERS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY WANTED A POLITICAL COMMUNITY AND NOT SIMPLY A FREE TRADE ZONE. THE TIME IS NOW RIPE. WE SHALL DO EVERYTHING TO WIN ALL PARTNERS FOR SUCH A DECISION. WE DO NOT WANT TO EXCLUDE ANYONE. BUT I AM NEVERTHELESS FIRMLY DECIDED TO GO THIS WAY, EVEN IF ONE OR ANOTHER MEMBER COUNTRY IS NOT IN THE POSITION TODAY TO RALLY TO SUCH A DECISION. I HAVE REPEATEDLY SAID THAT THE SLOWEST SHIP SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO DETERMINE THE SPEED OF THE WHOLE CONVOY. WHO TODAY CANNOT FOLLOW COULD DO SO TOMORROW. WE HAVE ALREADY IN THE EUROPEAN MONETARY SYSTEM A COMPARABLE SITUATION. NOT ALL MEMBER STATES ARE MEMBERS BUT THOSE NOT MEMBERS CAN JOIN AT ANY TIME. THE SUBSTANTIVE DECISIONS ARE TO BE TAKEN NEXT SUMMER. WE SHALL BE PREPARING FOR THEM IN INTENSIVELY BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY."

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From the Private Secretary

5 December, 1984

EUROPEAN UNION

Bonn telegram No. 1138 mentioned that Horst Teltschik was intending to propose talks on the European Union between himself and members of the Prime Minister's staff.

Both Robin Butler and I spoke to Teltschik in the margins of the Dublin European Council about the Prime Minister's views on the future of the Community. He was characteristically imprecise about what Chancellor Kohl really wanted from the Dooge Committee exercise. We agreed that it would be helpful to remain in touch informally and that the next opportunity would be in the margins of the Anglo-German Summit in January.

I understand that Robin Renwick also had some talks with Teltschik about the European Union.

I am copying this letter to Christopher Mallaby at the Embassy in Bonn.

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