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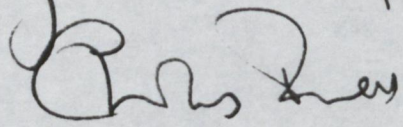
From the Private Secretary

6 April 1987

Dear Tony,

QUADRIPARTITE MEETINGS

The Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary had a brief exchange during their bilateral this afternoon about the quadripartite meetings. The Foreign Secretary explained the very considerable number of such meetings which were already taking place at Foreign Minister and Political Director level, and the importance of doing nothing at Head of Government level which would draw attention to these meetings and possibly disrupt or impede them. The Prime Minister stressed the importance of heads of government also being able to meet in this format occasionally and pointed out that this year was particularly appropriate, given that it was the 750th Anniversary of Berlin. She accepted, however, that there might well be practical difficulties in holding a Quadripartite Heads of Government breakfast in the context of the Venice Economic Summit. Further reflection was required on this. Given that President Reagan would be in Europe, it might be possible to hold such a meeting elsewhere. She attached importance to such a meeting and would not want to let the idea drop.

Yours sincerely,

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