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BILATERALS WITH THE FRENCH AND GERMANS

As you will have noticed, we have managed to stretch the intervals between these full-scale bilateral summits to very nearly one year. But there comes a point when we can postpone them no longer, and we are currently planning to hold them on consecutive Fridays at the very end of January/early February in London.

The Foreign Office have suggested that it might be administratively a good deal easier to hold them in Lancaster House. This would enable all the bilaterals between individual Ministers to be conducted in different corners of the same building, before all the Ministers come together for the plenary and the lunch. It might also help to get the meetings over more quickly, which I am sure you would endorse!

May we plan on the basis of using Lancaster House on this occasion please?

Yes

C.D.P.

CHARLES POWELL

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