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THE PRIME MINISTER

PRIME MINISTER'S 7 July 1983

PERSONAL MESSAGE

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Dear Chancellor,

President Mitterrand sent me a copy of his letter of 30 June to you about the recent European Council meeting in Stuttgart.

His letter sets out a number of unilateral interpretations by the French delegation of the text on compensation to the United Kingdom for 1983 in the conclusions of the European Council in Stuttgart. These unilateral interpretations and statements of intention do not of course affect in any way the validity of the text that was jointly agreed and subsequently published by the German Presidency, nor the need to implement it.

So far as the question of 'overpayments' in 1980 and 1981 is concerned, you will recall that in accepting the sum of 750 MECU net in respect of 1983, I stated my understanding that this arrangement dealt fully with the 'overpayment' problem.

I am sending copies of this letter to President Mitterrand and to our other colleagues on the European Council.

Yours sincerely

Ronald Reagan

His Excellency Herr Dr. Helmut Kohl

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From the Private Secretary

7 July 1983

EC: President Mitterrand

Thank you for your letter of 5 July.

I told you on the telephone yesterday that the Prime Minister was not entirely happy with the wording of the proposed letter to Chancellor Kohl. I now enclose letters to the Chancellor and President Mitterrand signed by the Prime Minister. I should be grateful if you would arrange for their delivery.

The proposed telegram to Bonn and other posts could also issue but I think that the second sentence should begin with the words "The Prime Minister has decided ...".

I am copying this letter and enclosures to John Kerr (HM Treasury) and Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

A. J. COLES

Roger Bone, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Prime Minister

In the light of your comments
last night I have amended
the message to Chancellor Kohl.
If you agree, would you now
sign the 2 letters to Kohl
and Rittner?

A. J. C. $\frac{6}{7}$.



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Prime Minster

President Mitterand's letter

If you agree with the attached
advice you may like to sign
the letter to Chancellor

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Kohl and President Mitterand

We would then arrange for the
other heads of government to
receive copies of your letter to
Kohl.

A.J.C. $\frac{5}{7}$.