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*From the Private Secretary*

12 June 1986

**PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO BRITISH FORCES, GERMANY**

Chancellor Kohl's office have now been in touch with me with a number of comments on the proposed programme for the visit by the Prime Minister and Chancellor Kohl to British Forces, Germany in September. They are as follows:

- (i) The time to be spent in Celle is too long both in itself and as a proportion of the programme as a whole. One candidate for shortening would be the briefing for which an hour has been allowed. Neither the Chancellor nor the Prime Minister are by nature patient with briefings.
- (ii) The Chancellor notes that it is proposed to take lunch in the Officers' Mess. He wonders whether it would not be possible to have lunch with both Officers and men? I am told that this would go down much better with public opinion in Germany (and perhaps here too).
- (iii) The Press Conference needs to be earlier in the programme if the visit is to attract the necessary attention in the German press (which goes to bed remarkably early). The Chancellor's office suggest that it should be held immediately after lunch.
- (iv) The Chancellor would like to see German troops involved in some part of the programme. He wants to emphasise the aspect of partnership. You will wish to consider to what extent it is possible to organise a joint demonstration. It was also suggested that a few German Officers and men might be present at the lunch.
- (v) The Chancellor has to be back in Bonn by 1800 hours at the latest. You will wish to ensure that the programme ends in time for him to do this.

These seem sensible points to me and I hope that you will take them into account in a revision of the programme which I shall want to put to the Prime Minister.

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*From the Private Secretary*

11 June 1986

**PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO BRITISH FORCES GERMANY**

Thank you for your letter of 9 June conveying an outline programme for the Prime Minister's visit to British Forces Germany in company with Chancellor Kohl. I have passed on these ideas to Dr. Neuer in Chancellor Kohl's office. He has promised to let me have any comments within a few days. We can then start detailed planning.

I am copying this letter to Colin Budd (Foreign and Commonwealth Office).

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will reflect e call back.

Please b/f in ten days time  
CDP 11/6.

Dear Charles,

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO BRITISH FORCES GERMANY

Thank you for your letter of 22nd May. I attach as suggested an outline programme for the visit which has been prepared by British Forces Germany in consultation with the British Embassy, Bonn.

The aim has been to keep the formalities to the minimum that protocol demands; while allowing as much time as possible for meeting servicemen on the ground. In line with this aim you will see that there are no plans to visit the Joint HQ at Rheindahlen, and I am afraid that there would therefore be no opportunity for a visit to the nearby town of Moenchengladbach.

I should be grateful to know if you and Chancellor Kohl's office are content with this outline so that detailed planning can proceed. It would also be useful to know in due course how many are expected to be in the party.

I am copying this letter to Colin Budd (Foreign and Commonwealth Office).

Yours

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OUTLINE PROGRAMME FOR VISIT BY PRIME MINISTER AND CHANCELLOR  
KOHL TO BRITISH FORCES GERMANY, 17 SEPTEMBER 86

<u>TIME (LOCAL)</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
1015	Arrive Celle Met by: Air Marshal Sir David Parry-Evans (Commander-in-Chief RAF Germany) General Sir Martin Farndale (Commander-in-Chief BAOR)
1020	Inspect Guard of Honour
1040	Briefing on British Forces Germany
1140	Tour Celle Garrison
1230	Lunch Celle Officers Mess
1330	Depart for Army demonstration, Munsterlager training area
1345	View Royal Hussars demonstration
1515	Depart for Sennelager training area
1600	Visit RAF demonstration, Harrier and helicopter force in the field
1700	Press concerence
1745	Depart Sennelager for RAF Gutersloh
1800	Arrive RAF Gutersloh Final discussion if required Depart for London/Bonn

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*From the Private Secretary*

22 May 1986

**PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO BRITISH FORCES, GERMANY**

Chancellor Kohl's office have telephoned me to ask whether we yet have any details of the Prime Minister's visit to British Forces, Germany with Chancellor Kohl in September. In particular they wanted to know whether the visit would take in Moenchengladbach. If I understood correctly the Mayor is a great CDU supporter and Chancellor Kohl would much welcome it if it were possible to pay a brief visit to sign the Golden Book and do a short walkabout. I said that I had no idea whether this would be possible or not but would feed in the thought.

It would be helpful to have some outline suggestions for the programme in the first week of June so that I can give Chancellor Kohl's office some steer.

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