

SUBJECT

PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
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MESSAGE TO CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT FROM PRIME MINISTER THATCHER
MESSAGE BEGINS:-
DEAR HELMUT,

"I WAS MOST GRATEFUL FOR THE INFORMAL INDICATIONS WE
HAVE HAD THAT YOU WOULD CONSULT US, TOGETHER WITH OUR US
AND FRENCH ALLIES, BEFORE ACCEPTING MR. BREZHNEV'S INVITATION
TO VISIT MOSCOW. NO DOUBT YOUR FOREIGN OFFICE WILL BE IN TOUCH
WITH OURS IN DUE COURSE, BUT IN THE MEANTIME I WONDER IF WE
COULD HAVE A PRELIMINARY WORD ABOUT THIS IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT
IN LUXEMBOURG ON THE 27TH OR 28TH?"

YOURS SINCERELY,
MARGARET THATCHER

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To go on the Strait line.

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Dear Helmut,

"I was most grateful for the informal indications we have had that you would consult us, together with our US and French allies, before accepting Mr. Brezhnev's invitation to visit Moscow. No doubt your Foreign Office will be in touch with ours in due course, but in the meantime I wonder if we could have a preliminary word about this important development in Luxembourg on the 27th or 28th?"

Yours sincerely,

Signed Margaret Thatcher

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10 DOWNING STREET

Prime Minister.

You will see from the
latest telegram (Bonn 349,
A attached) that the Germans are
planning to consult us, through
their Embassy here, about the
Chancellor's visit to Moscow. It
looks to me as though the
process will be one of information
rather than consultation. Unless
the Germans get in touch with us
early to-morrow, I would be inclined
to send a message (on the direct line)
along the lines proposed.

Don't (quite) understand that
last case of direct telegraph now

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	9	1. Please pass following message from Prime Minister to
	10	Chancellor Schmidt:-
	11	Begins
	12	I was most grateful for the informal indications we have had that
	13	you would consult us, together with our US and French allies,
	14	before accepting Mr Brezhnev's invitation to visit Moscow. No
	15	doubt your Foreign Office will be in touch with ours in due
	16	course, but in the meantime I wonder if we could have a
	17	preliminary word about this important development in Luxembourg
	18	on the 27th or 28th? I would be especially interested to
	19	know your views on the timing of the Russians' invitation <i>any visit that you might make to Moscow</i> ?
	20	Ends
	21	Signed Margaret Thatcher
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