

PRIME MINISTER

GOVERNING MAYOR OF BERLIN

You are to see Herr Diepgen briefly on Tuesday. You were not impressed with him last time: but a short meeting is essential to ~~reaffirm~~ the Allied commitment to Berlin. He has been warned not to raise parochial Berlin questions this time.

The main issues are-

- the 750th Anniversary. The Queen is going, but you will want to reserve your position on a possible visit.
- Diepgen is tempted to go to East Berlin to participate in an 'Act of State'. This would give up an essential point of principle, and he should not go.
- the Berlin authorities have been helpful over dealing with Libya and Syrian terrorism.
- there have been problems with Third World asylum seekers, coming in through East Berlin. But these now seem to be over.
- he will be interested to hear your views on East/West relations.

On your instructions, we have given him fifteen minutes only.

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11 December 1986

Dear Charles,

Call on the Prime Minister by the
Governing Mayor of Berlin at 1015 on 16 December

Diepgen will probably hope to be accompanied by the Federal German Ambassador, by Detlef Stronk, official Head of the Senat Chancellery, and by his interpreter, Brigitte Amedinck. He will not need interpretation from English. Mr Michael Burton, Minister in the British Military Government, will be accompanying Diepgen and would be ready to attend the meeting, if the Prime Minister wished.

/ I enclose a personality note on Diepgen, a programme of his visit and a short background note on developments in Berlin.

Diepgen (who also paid official visits to Washington and Paris this year) has improved his political position since the Prime Minister received him in July 1984. He increased the CDU's majority in the Berlin elections of March 1985 and looks set to remain Governing Mayor for at least the next two years. Securing Berlin, which up to 1981 had been a Socialist Party stronghold for nearly the whole of the previous century, is a considerable achievement, as is his success in restoring confidence in the economy, halting the decline in population and promoting the city as a centre of high technology.

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Uppermost in Berliners' minds at the moment is the 750th Anniversary of the city in 1987. The Queen will visit Berlin on 26/27 May and there is a possibility (which should not be revealed to Diepgen at this stage) of the Prince and Princess of Wales attending the premiere of the Royal Ballet on 1 November, immediately before their official visit to the Federal Republic. It is likely that Diepgen will personally invite the Prime Minister to visit Berlin during the Anniversary Year. The Prime Minister may wish to express interest in and support for West Berlin's part in the Anniversary, but to continue to leave open the question of whether she makes a visit.

In discussion of the Anniversary we recommend that the Prime Minister should say that the British Government's policy is to support the celebrations in West Berlin. (British cultural events in East Berlin, of which a number have been organised by the East Germans, are taking place under commercial arrangements and with no official support unless also being staged in West Berlin). We share Diepgen's aim of using the occasion so far as possible to assert the essential unity of the city and to press for improvements in the way of life of all Berliners, notably by the removal of restrictions on movement. The East should be put on the defensive over the Wall and their attempts to divide the City. Opportunities should be taken to bring out these points in public statements by Western leaders visiting Berlin during the Anniversary Year.

Diepgen has recently been preoccupied with the question of how to respond to invitations he has received from Honecker to attend a GDR "Act of State" in the Soviet sector of the city, and from Herr Krack, whom the Protecting Powers do not recognise as 'Mayor' of East Berlin. These invitations present Diepgen with a tempting opportunity to play a role in inner-German and East/West relations commensurate with his ambition to match as statesmen his predecessors, von Weizsacker and Brandt. But his presence at the Act of State, whose purpose will no doubt in part be to portray East Berlin as capital of the GDR, would undermine the principles, including that of Berlin's

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unity under Four Power authority, on which the Protecting Powers and the FRG base their case that the German question is still open. These difficulties are recognised by the Federal Government; and Kohl has decided, with Diepgen's acquiescence, that the matter should be left in abeyance at least until after the German elections (in which Berliners do not participate) on 25 January. Realism thus seems to be prevailing; and it should not be necessary to press the issue hard with Diepgen, who will be disappointed by the Federal Government's decision and perhaps sensitive about it. We recommend that the Prime Minister say that, while we understand the West Berliners' wish to increase contacts with the East Germans, essential points of principle must not be given up, and caution must be the rule. It is important that decisions be taken together in consultations between the three Allies, the Federal Government and the Senat, and that the matter be handled publicly in a way which leaves the Western side with the high ground. Depending on Diepgen's attitude, the Prime Minister could echo what Chirac told him in Paris on 6 November: that, if he were in his (Diepgen's) shoes, he would not accept the invitations.

In discussion of terrorism we recommend that the Prime Minister thank Diepgen for the cooperation of the Berlin police in applying in the Western Sections the Allied exclusion order against members of the Syrian Embassy to the GDR. The order was made by the Allied Kommandatura after the trial of Hasi and Salameh had confirmed evidence of the involvement of the Syrian Embassy officials in the bombing of the German Arab Friendship Society in March.

If time allows, we would expect Diepgen to be interested in the Prime Minister's approach to her own visit to the Soviet Union next year. The Prime Minister might also ask Diepgen how he sees Honecker's prospects for enlarging the GDR's room for manoeuvre under Gorbachev.

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We are not including briefing on the more parochial Berlin points, for which there will not be time at the meeting. Diepgen has been advised to raise such matters with officials.

I am copying this letter to PS/Mr Luce in view of his interest in the British contribution to the 750th Anniversary, and to PS/Sir Robert Armstrong.

Yours ever,

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DIEPGEN, EBERHARD

Governing Mayor of Berlin. Chairman of the Berlin CDU and member of the Federal Executive of the CDU.

Born 13 November 1941 in Berlin. Studied law at the Free University Berlin. 1968-72 junior barrister at the Berlin Supreme Court. In legal practice from 1972. Member of the CDU since 1962. Member of the House of Representatives and of the Berlin Party Executive since 1971. 1980-84 Leader of the Parliamentary Party in Berlin. Elected to succeed Richard von Weizsäcker as Governing Mayor in February 1984 on the latter's nomination as CDU/CSU candidate for Federal Presidency. His CDU/FDP coalition was returned to power convincingly in the 1985 Berlin elections.

Thought by many to be one of the most able second generation post-war CDU politicians in Berlin. Worked closely with von Weizsäcker who saw him as his natural successor. Highly successful as a fixer and organiser in party, parliamentary and local affairs. He has had some difficulty in making the transition to the more elevated role of Governing Mayor. His image as the new, clean young political leader has been somewhat tarnished by a series of (mostly minor) corruption scandals in Berlin throughout 1986 involving inter alia party associates (but not Diepgen himself). These forced him to reshuffle the Senat (his cabinet) in March. But he remains firmly in control of the coalition.

Married. Two children. Speaks some English. Visited UK in 1977 and, as Governing Mayor, in 1984 and 1985.

VISIT TO UK BY GOVERNING MAYOR OF BERLIN, 15-18 DECEMBER

15 December

1650	Arrive London Heathrow
1830	Reception at German Embassy

16 December

0845	Breakfast at German Embassy
1015	Call on the Prime Minister
1045 (approx)	Call on Lady Young, Minister of State, FCO
1115 (approx)	Meeting with Mr Ratford, AUS, FCO
1230	Meeting and lunch at Anglo-German Foundation
1445	Interview with BBC German Service
1600	Meeting with British-German Parliamentary Group
1900 for 1940	Dinner at the Mansion House

17 December

0930	Meeting at Schroders plc with sponsors of German Arts Festival to be held in UK in 1987
1045	Call on Mr Luce, Minister for the Arts
1130	Meeting and lunch with Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
1500	Call on Rt Hon Dennis Healey MP
1545	Press Conference
1700	Meeting with all-party group of young MPs
2000 for 2015	Dinner hosted by German Ambassador

18 December

0900	Depart from Heathrow
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VISIT OF THE GOVERNING MAYOR OF BERLIN, 15-18 DECEMBER

DEVELOPMENTS IN BERLIN

1. Since the conclusion of the Quadripartite (UK, US, France, Soviet Union) Agreement in 1971, there have been no major crises over Berlin. Soviet airspace reservations in the Air Corridors are being successfully managed and pose no practical difficulties for Allied air traffic. The Russians have shown no inclination to use Berlin as a pressure point on East/West matters (eg over Afghanistan, Poland). The city's situation remains however inherently sensitive and vulnerable to Eastern pressure, as incidents during 1986 demonstrated.

2. In March a terrorist bomb exploded outside the German-Arab Friendship Society, and in April a larger bomb went off in the La Belle Discotheque in West Berlin. Following the latter, which killed two and injured nearly two hundred people, the Allies (UK, US, France) who had firm evidence of official Libyan involvement, issued exclusion orders against members of the Libyan People's Bureau (LPB) in East Berlin. On 27 November the Allies excluded members of the Syrian Embassy in East Berlin, after the trial of Hasi (a brother of Hindawi) and Salameh had confirmed Syrian complicity in the German-Arab Friendship Society bombing.

3. In May the GDR, using as a pretext the Allied measures excluding LPB members from West Berlin and Allied calls for action against diplomatic missions in East Berlin involved in terrorism, sought to introduce passport and visa requirements at the Sector Boundary between West and East Berlin for diplomats and members of the Military Missions accredited to the Allied authorities. These measures were intended to reinforce the GDR view that (East) Berlin is an integral part of the GDR and that the Sector Boundary is thus a state frontier. Faced with Allied protests to the Russians, the solidarity of NATO missions in Berlin (who refused to comply with the new measures), and with the risk that their relations with the West might be jeopardised, the GDR backed down in June and effectively restored the status quo ante, as the Allies had demanded.

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4. During the summer up to 1,000 asylum seekers (mainly from the Third World) were entering the Western Sectors of Berlin each week. These people were brought (for hard currency) by Aeroflot and the GDR airline Interflug to Schoenefeld airport, outside East Berlin in the GDR, from where they crossed with GDR transit visas from East into West Berlin, exploiting the Western view that Berlin remains one city (there are no controls on the Western side of the Sector Boundary). Following pressure from the West, including financial pressure from the FRG and demarches to the GDR and Soviet Union by the Twelve, the GDR agreed in October not to issue transit visas to travellers without visas for their final destination, consistent with established international practice. The influx into Berlin has since slowed to a trickle.

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15 December 1986

Dear Charles,

Prime Minister
Additional briefing
CDP 15/12/86Call on the Prime Minister by the Governing Mayor of Berlin

Colin Budd wrote to you on 11 December about Diepgen's call on the Prime Minister. I now enclose telegrams from Sir Julian Bullard, who had breakfast with Diepgen on 14 December, and from Michael Burton, Minister at Berlin accompanying Diepgen.

Diepgen claims to believe that East Berlin is forging ahead in everything from political status to material reconstruction, while West Berlin remains stuck in the past. Most observers acknowledge the recent achievements of the East Berlin authorities in such matters as restoring historic buildings and attracting high level foreign visitors. But generally East Berlin, though supposed to be the GDR's show piece, remains drab and depressing compared with the Western sectors. West Berlin is fully integrated into the economy of the Federal Republic. The gap between East and West in Germany in terms of individual well-being (not to speak of human rights) is probably as wide as at any time since 1949.

If therefore Diepgen makes much of West Berlin's "disadvantages", we suggest that the Prime Minister show sympathy and understanding for the political challenge which Diepgen faces, but say that there seems little real evidence of East Berlin and the GDR making great strides, particularly in the areas of freedom and prosperity on which the success of Western society is built.

Yours ever,

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FOLLOWING FROM BURTON

GOVERNING MAYOR'S VISIT TO LONDON, 15-18 DECEMBER

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SUMMARY

1. DIEPGEN LEAVES FOR LONDON BUOYED UP BY RECENT PUBLIC OPINION POLLS. HOWEVER, HE IS PREOCCUPIED BY THE PREPARATIONS FOR BERLIN'S 750TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS PARTICULARLY HIS INVITATIONS FROM HONECKER AND KRACK. HE IS STILL STRONGLY INCLINED TO ACCEPT THESE BUT WORRIED THAT THE DECISION MAY BE BEING TAKEN OUT OF HIS HANDS BY BONN AND THE ALLIES. HE MAY ALSO BE CONCERNED AT INDICATIONS OF INCREASING ALLIED RESISTANCE TO HIS ACCEPTING THE INVITATIONS. HOWEVER STRONG OUR RESERVATIONS ON STATUS GROUNDS IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO SHOW UNDERSTANDING OF HIS POLITICAL CONCERNS. WE SHOULD ALSO URGE THAT IF THE FINAL AGREED DECISION ON THE INVITATIONS IS NEGATIVE HE SHOULD RESIST THE TEMPTATION IN HIS DISAPPOINTMENT OF SHIFTING THE BLAME ON TO THE ALLIES.

DETAIL

2. ALTHOUGH THE VARIOUS SCANDALS THIS YEAR HAVE SHOWN THAT HIS JUDGEMENT IS NOT INFALLIBLE, AND HE LOOKS SLIGHTLY MORE TARNISHED THAN HE DID A YEAR AGO, DIEPGEN AS HE LEAVES FOR LONDON IS BEYOND QUESTION THE DOMINANT FIGURE IN BERLIN POLITICS. THE MOST RECENT OPINION POLL SHOWED THAT 59% OF BERLINERS SUPPORT HIS POLICIES, AND 47% (COMPARED WITH 46.4% AT THE LAST ELECTIONS) HIS CDU PARTY. HE HAS NO SERIOUS RIVAL IN THE PARTY, AND THE OPPOSITION PARTIES DO NOT CURRENTLY REPRESENT A REAL THREAT (THE ^{SPD} ~~CDU~~ HAVE ONLY ABOUT 32% SUPPORT, AND ALTHOUGH THE ALTERNATIVE LISTE ARE UP TO 14.5% THEIR APPEAL IS MOSTLY ~~ENTIRELY~~ CONFINED TO YOUNGER VOTERS.)

3. HOWEVER ON HIS MAIN PREOCCUPATION, NAMELY THE HANDLING OF THE INVITATIONS FROM HONECKER AND KRACK, DIEPGEN MUST FEEL THAT MATTERS ARE NOT GOING HIS WAY. HE WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY LIKE TO ACCEPT THE INVITATIONS IN ORDER TO GIVE IMPETUS TO HIS DEEPLY HELD CONVICTION THAT BERLIN MUST BE AT THE CENTRE OF INNER-GERMAN AND BERLIN-BERLIN RELATIONS. HE SEES THE CITY'S ROLE AS BEING A CENTRE OF DIALOGUE

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IN THE CENTRE OF EUROPE AS WELL AS OF ECONOMIC DYNAMISM AND CULTURAL DISTINCTION. HE FEELS THAT SINCE IT IS BERLINERS WHO HAVE THE MOST TO GAIN OR LOSE IN INNER-GERMAN RELATIONS HE SHOULD NOT BE LEFT BEHIND IN THE PARADE OF FRG FEDERAL AND LAND POLITICIANS BEATING A PATH TO HONECKER'S DOOR. HE WILL NO DOUBT DEVELOP THESE IDEAS IN HIS DISCUSSIONS IN LONDON.

4. AS REGARDS THE INVITATIONS HOWEVER HE FEELS THAT BEPLIN'S CONCERNS HAVE NOT BEEN ADAQUATELY TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN THE CONSULTATION PROCESS IN BONN (MY TELNO 366). HE MUST ALSO BE DISAPPOINTED AT FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER RAIMOND'S SPEECH IN BERLIN ON 8 DECEMBER OR RATHER THE PROMINENT COVERAGE OF IT IN TODAY'S DIE WELT UNDER THE HEADLINE 'WESTERN POWERS ACT AS BRAKE ON DIEPGEN'S VISIT TO HONECKER'. FURTHERMORE WE ARE FINDING THAT INFORMED OPINION IN WEST BERLIN WHICH ORIGINALLY WAS MOSTLY IN FAVOUR OF ACCEPTANCE IS NOW TENDING TO VEER AROUND. THIS MAY HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH RECENT PARTICULARLY BRUTAL TACTICS BY THE GDR BORDER GUARDS AT THE WALL.

5. I THINK IT RIGHT THAT WE SHOULD LEAVE DIEPGEN IN NO DOUBT OF OUR STRONG RESERVATIONS ABOUT HIS BEING ABLE TO ATTEND HONECKER'S STAATSAKT WITHOUT DOING SERIOUS DAMAGE TO WESTERN PRINCIPLES ON THE STATUS OF THE CMTY. BUT WE SHOULD EQUALLY SHOW UNDERSTANDING FOR HIS LEGITIMATE POLITICAL CONCERNS. HE EXPRESSES THE THOUGHTS OF MOST BERLINERS UNDER 40 IN SAYING AS HE OFTEN DOES THAT STATUS MUST NOT BE A BARRIER TO DEVELOPING HUMAN CONTACTS ACROSS THE WALL AS FAR AS POSSIBLE. HE IS ALSO GENUINELY CONCERNED TO TRY TO FURTHER THE CONCEPT OF ONE BERLIN IN SPIITE OF ITS ALL TOO OBVIOUS DIVISION.

6. HIS INTEREST IN OTHER AND MORE DETAILED QUESTIONS COMES A LONG WAY BEHIND. GATOW RANGE WILL BE TOPICAL AFTER THE ALTERNATIVE LISTE'SPRESS CONFERENCE IN STRASBOURG ON THE SUBJECT TODAY BUT HE WILL PROBABLY NOT HAVE MUCH TO SAY ABOUT IT. HE HAS BEEN GENERALLY SUPPORTIVE ON THE OTHER CURRENT ISSUE OF CLEARING TREES FROM THE RUNWAY APPROACH AT RAF GATOW ALTHOUGH HE WOULD OBVIOUSLY HAVE PREFERRED THE PROBLEM NOT TO HAVE ARISEN. HE WILL PROBABLY GO THROUGH THE MOTIONS OVER BERLINERS' RIGHTS BUT SHOULD HAVE BEEN BRIEFED THAT DISCUSSIONS WITH THE ALLIES ARE MAKING STEADY IF SLOW PROGRESS. HE MAY RAISE THE QUESTION OF DRAFT DODGERS ON WHICH HE WOULD DEARLY LIKE HELP FROM THE ALLIES IN GETTING RID OF A PARTICULARLY DISAFFECTED SECTION OF THE BERLIN ELECTORATE. BUT HE SHOULD ACCEPT THAT THERE IS NOT MUCH WE CAN DO ABOUT IT.

7. DESPITE THE IRRITATIONS OVER THE RANGE AND THE TREES (BOTH OF REAL CONCERN TO SMALL MINORITIES) BRITISH/BEPLINER RELATIONS ARE GOOD. AT A PERSONAL LEVEL, WE HAVE A GOOD UNDERSTANDING WITH ALL THE ESTABLISHED PARTIES AND GET ON REASONABLY WELL EVEN WITH THE

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ALTERNATIVE LISTE. A DELEGATION OF ALL THE PARTIES, LED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, IS VISITING THE UK AT THE SAME TIME AS DIEPGEN'S OWN VISIT. THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL VISITS RECENTLY BY THE SENATORS FOR JUSTICE AND FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, THE LATTER OF WHICH USEFULLY HIGHLIGHTED BOTH THE EXTENT OF EXISTING ECONOMIC LINKS AND THE POSSIBILITIES FOR FURTHER EXPANSION. AT A MORE POPULAR LEVEL, THIS YEAR'S BRITISH/BERLIN TATTOO WON WIDESPREAD ACCLAIM, AND THE REGULAR FRIENDSHIP WEEKS IN THE BRITISH SECTOR BOROUGHs HAVE ALSO CONTINUED TO BE VERY POPULAR. THERE IS ALREADY GROWING EXCITEMENT ABOUT THE VISIT NEXT YEAR OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN, WHICH IS WIDELY SEEN AS THE REAL HIGHLIGHT OF THE 750TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS.

8. HM AMBASSADOR IS DUE TO HAVE A TETE-A-TETE WITH DIEPGEN OVER THE WEEKEND AND MAY WISH TO ADD HIS OWN COMMENTS SUBSEQUENTLY.

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BMG BERLIN TELNO 46 : GOVERNING MAYOR'S VISIT TO LONDON,
15-18 DECEMBER

FOLLOWING FROM AMBASSADOR

SUMMARY

1. DIEPGEN AWARE THAT HIS WISH TO TAKE UP INVITATIONS FROM THE EAST IS UNLIKELY TO BE SUPPORTED IN LONDON. HE WILL SEEK TO WRAP THIS QUESTION UP IN BROADER PROBLEM OF BERLIN'S FUTURE. WE SHOULD SHOW UNDERSTANDING.

DETAIL

2. HE HAD BREAKFAST WITH DIEPGEN TODAY. WE TALKED ABOUT HIS VISIT TO LONDON. HE EMPHASISED THAT THE CALL ON THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD BE SHORT AND ENCOURAGED HIM TO DISPENSE WITH INTERPRETATION AT LEAST FROM ENGLISH INTO GERMAN.

3. DIEPGEN SAID HE WELL UNDERSTOOD THAT NO 10 WOULD NOT BE THE PLACE FOR A DETAILED DISCUSSION ABOUT BERLIN PROBLEMS. HE WAS STILL WORRIED ABOUT SOME OF THE THINGS THAT HAD COME UP LAST TIME (GATOW, DRAFT-DODGERS), BUT HE WOULD KEEP THOSE FOR HIS TALKS AT THE FCO. NOR WOULD HE WANT TO BURDEN THE PRIME MINISTER WITH THE QUESTION OF HOW TO RESPOND TO THE INVITATIONS TO HIM FROM HONECKER AND KRACK: THESE WERE ONLY THE LATEST ILLUSTRATIONS OF THE LONG TERM PROBLEM OF THE FUTURE OF BERLIN.

4. WE THEN WENT OVER A LOT OF OLD GROUND. DIEPGEN PAINTED THE USUAL PICTURE OF EAST BERLIN FORGING AHEAD IN EVERYTHING FROM POLITICAL STATUS TO MATERIAL RECONSTRUCTION, WHILE WEST BERLIN REMAINED STUCK IN THE PAST. HE GRUMBLED ABOUT THE EXTENT OF BRITISH PARTICIPATION IN NEXT YEAR'S CEREMONIES IN THE EAST, AND FORESAW THAT IT WOULD NOT BE LONG BEFORE SOME WESTERN STATESMAN ALLOWED HIMSELF TO BE RECEIVED IN EAST BERLIN WITH FULL MILITARY HONOURS. THE GDR OBJECTIVE WAS CLEAR, AND OF COURSE THE INVITATIONS WERE DESIGNED TO THAT END. BUT DIEPGEN'S CONCERN WAS TO PREVENT WEST BERLIN FALLING BEHIND, AND HE DOUBTED IF HONECKER'S SUCCESSOR WOULD BE SO INTERESTED IN AGREEMENTS WITH THE FRG, OR IN STABILISING THE SITUATION IN AND AROUND BERLIN, AS DIEPGEN BELIEVED HONECKER TO BE. SET AGAINST THIS GENERAL BACKGROUND, THE INVITATIONS WERE ONLY A DETAIL, AND DIEPGEN WOULD BE HAPPY IF THE QUESTION WHAT TO DO WITH THEM WERE PUT ON ICE FOR SAY 2 MONTHS.

5. AS WITH KOHL LAST WEEK, HE TOOK THE LINE THAT HE COULD SEE THE DANGERS MORE CLEARLY THAN THE POTENTIAL BENEFITS. AS TO THE *BROADER*

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BROADER PICTURE, THIS WAS SOMETHING WE NATURALLY THOUGHT ABOUT, AND HE WAS SURE DIEPGEN WOULD FIND THE FCO READY TO DISCUSS IT.

COMMENT

6. CLEARLY DIEPGEN FEARS THAT RAISING THE QUESTION OF THE INVITATIONS IN LONDON NOW MIGHT PRODUCE AN EVEN MORE NEGATIVE REACTION

THAN WE GOT IN PARIS. EVEN HERE, AS MR BURTON SAYS IN TUR, MATTERS ARE NOT GOING HIS WAY: TODAY'S TAGESSPIEGEL HAS A CRUSHINGLY NEGATIVE LEADER BY THE EDITOR IN CHIEF, WHO HAS A WAY OF BEING MORE ALLIED THAN THE ALLIES: HE ENDORSE MR BURTON'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO HANDLE DIEPGEN IN LONDON. WE HOPE HE CAN BE MADE TO FEEL THAT WE UNDERSTAND NOT ONLY HIS DOMESTIC POLITICAL CONCERNS (WHICH AT THE MOMENT ARE NOT GREAT, THE OPPOSITION BEING WEAK AND DIVIDED) BUT ALSO THE INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION DESCRIBED IN PARA 4 ABOVE. AS YOU KNOW, WE THINK THE PROBLEM EXISTS AND DESERVES CAREFUL THOUGHT, BUT THAT THE KIND OF "DYNAMIC" OR "IMAGINATIVE" POLICY WHICH DIEPGEN HANKERS AFTER IS NOT A SAFE OPTION IN PRESENT OR FORESEEABLE CIRCUMSTANCES.

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From the Private Secretary

19 September 1986

VISIT BY THE GOVERNING MAYOR OF BERLIN

During the Prime Minister's recent visit to Bonn, Sir Julian Bullard pressed her to agree to see the Governing Mayor of Berlin briefly when he visits the United Kingdom in December. He suggested that 15 minutes would be adequate. The Prime Minister said that she was very reluctant indeed to undertake this but, given Sir Julian's plea, would see the Mayor briefly. Accordingly we have found time in the diary for Mayor Diepgen from 1000-1015 on 16 December.

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(C. D. POWELL)

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From the Private Secretary

2 September 1986

VISIT BY THE GOVERNING MAYOR OF BERLIN

Thank you for your letter of 1 September about the official visit to the UK of the Governing Mayor of Berlin. I have discussed this with the Prime Minister and she remains very reluctant to see Mr. Diepgen again. It is possible that her view may change nearer the time but I cannot at the moment hold out any promise of a meeting with him.

(Charles Powell)

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1 September 1986

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Prime Minister
The last call was a
pretty fair disaster; &
we are trying to ~~save~~
save you from foreigners.
But it seems that it would
be a major break from tradition if

Dear Charles, you refused to see him.
The letter we got too bad.

Visit by the Governing Mayor of Berlin

Agree? cop 1/1

Diepgen will be paying an official visit to the UK from 16-18 December, at the invitation of the Foreign Secretary. This will be his second official visit since he became Governing Mayor in February 1984. During his first visit, which was shortly after his election, he called on the Prime Minister.

Although I understand that the Prime Minister was initially reluctant to receive a second call from Herr Diepgen (your letter of 17 December 1985), Sir Julian Bullard has recommended that if possible she should offer him a brief call. I believe that when Sir Julian mentioned the matter to the Prime Minister on 10 February he formed the impression that she would not be opposed to a further call on her by Diepgen, if this could conveniently be fitted in.

The Foreign Secretary endorses Sir Julian's recommendation. Since the 1950s successive Governing Mayors on official visits to the UK have without exception been offered a call on the Prime Minister. Diepgen himself is likely to remain in office at least until 1988. It has, we understand, been normal practice for him to be received at Head of Government level on official visits to the other two Protecting Powers. With the year of the 750th anniversary of the city about to start and The Queen's prospective visit in May, it would be particularly apposite for the Prime Minister to see Diepgen and likely to be interpreted unfavourably in Berlin if she did not.

I should be grateful to know if the Prime Minister would agree to receive him for a half hour call between the afternoon of 16 and the morning of 18 December.

Yours ever,

Colin Budd

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VISIT OF HERR EBERHARD DIEPGEN
GOVERNING MAYOR OF BERLIN, AND FRAU MONIKA DIEPGEN

15-18 DECEMBER 1986

ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN

Monday 15 December

ARRIVAL

When the aircraft has landed a representative of Heathrow Airport Ltd will accompany the greeting party to the meeting point. The following will welcome the Governing Mayor and his party:

Sir Donald Logan
Special Representative of the Secretary of State for
Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs

A representative from the Embassy of the Federal
Republic of Germany

Mr Michael St E Burton
Minister at Berlin

Brigadier Alan Cowan
Secretary, Government Hospitality

Group Captain Robert Thomson
Government Hospitality Escort Officer

The party will proceed to the VIP Suite.

TRANSPORT

Cars are provided for the Official Suite by Government Hospitality throughout the visit (see car plan at Annex 1).

PARTICIPATION BY THE OFFICIAL SUITE

The Governing Mayor will be accompanied by his Official Suite and by Mr Burton throughout the visit with the exception of the call upon the Prime Minister (when the Governing Mayor will be accompanied only by Dr Stronk and Frau Amedinck).

INTERPRETATION

Frau Amedinck will act as sole interpreter during the calls made by the Governing Mayor with the exception of the calls upon the Prime Minister and Lady Young (Tuesday 16 December). Mrs Eike Crowley will interpret for the Prime Minister and for Lady Young on both these occasions.

Tuesday 16 December

Call on the Prime Minister (1000 hours)

The following will be present:

Dr Detlef Stronk
Frau Brigitte Amedinck

Mr Charles Powell
Mrs Eike Crowley

Mansion House (1930 hours)

The Governing Mayor and Frau Diepgen together with the Official Suite will arrive at the Mansion House, pass directly into the Foyer and be received by the Remembrancer, Mr Adrian Barnes, and the Chairman of the City Lands and Bridge House Estates Committee, Mr Patrick Roney. A bouquet will be presented to Frau Diepgen. The Official Suite will be conducted immediately to the Salon to be received. In the meantime, the Governing Mayor and Frau Diepgen will be invited to sign the Distinguished Visitors' Book in the Foyer and photographs will be taken. The Governing Mayor and Frau Diepgen will then be escorted to the Salon to be received by the Lord Mayor. Official photographs will be taken in the North Drawing Room after which the Mayoral Party and Dignitaries will proceed to the Egyptian Hall where the Dinner is to be held.

Wednesday 17 December

Call on Schrodgers PLC (0930 hours)

The following will also be present:

Sir Claus Moser
Mr Ronald Grierson

Sir Ian Hunter
Mr Hans Tauscher

Call on The Rt Hon Denis Healey MP (1500 hours)

The Governing Mayor and his party will be met at the Members' Entrance by Mrs Harriet Shackman, Secretary to Mr Healey, who will escort them to Mr Healey's office.

SEPARATE PROGRAMME FOR FRAU MONIKA DIEPGEN

Frau Diepgen will be welcomed on arrival at Heathrow (VIP Suite) by Mrs Patricia Beale, Government Hospitality Escort Officer, who will accompany Frau Diepgen to the separate appointments (Guy's Hospital and Rudolf Steiner House) on 16 and 17 December respectively. Mrs Beale will also be available to escort Frau Diepgen during the afternoon of 17 December and as required during the joint programme for the Governing Mayor and Frau Diepgen.

Tom Wynn
Protocol Department
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10 December 1986

CAR PLAN

LONDON HEATHROW AIRPORT TO THE SAVOY HOTEL

MONDAY 15 DECEMBER

Car 1 Herr Diepgen
 Mr Burton
 Group Captain Thomson

Car 2 Dr Stronk
 Dr de Maiziere
 Frau Amedinck
 Group Captain Bird

LONDON HEATHROW AIRPORT TO THE SAVOY HOTEL

TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER

Car 2 Frau Diepgen
 Mrs Beale

NB: Car plans for appointments during the visit will be arranged by Group Captain Thomson and Mrs Beale.

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