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From the Private Secretary

10 February 1987

I enclose a copy of Chancellor Kohl's reply to the Prime Minister's recent message of good wishes following the general elections. As you will see it also refers to the kidnapping of two German citizens in the Lebanon.

I am copying this letter and enclosure to Stephen Boys Smith (Home Office).

(Charles Powell)

Lyn Parker, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Translation

The Rt.Hon.

Margaret Thatcher, MP

Prime Minister of the United Kingdom
of Great Britain and Northern Ireland,
London

Dear Prime Minister, dear Margaret,

Thank you very much for your congratulatory message on my Government's confirmation in office by the Bundestag election. I too am looking forward to continuing our close co-operation in a spirit of mutual confidence.

Thank you also for your expression of solidarity with regard to the abduction of two German nationals in Lebanon. The Federal Government will not allow itself to be put under pressure by the kidnappers, even if this means that we cannot expect an early solution.

These kidnappings have indeed demonstrated once again how important it is that we should combine our efforts in combating international terrorism.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd) Helmut Kohl

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DER BOTSCHAFTER
DER BUNDESREPUBLIK DEUTSCHLAND
Baron Hans von Stein
Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

10 February 1987

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Prime Minister
Chancellor Kohl's reply
to your message

Dear Prime Minister,

I have the honour to transmit to you the enclosed message from
Herr Helmut Kohl, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany.

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A courtesy translation is attached.

I am, dear Prime Minister,

Yours sincerely

Hans von Stein

Her Excellency
The Rt.Hon. Margaret Thatcher, MP
Her Majesty's Prime Minister and
First Lord of the Treasury
London



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BUNDESREPUBLIK DEUTSCHLAND
DER BUNDESKANZLER

Bonn, den 3. Februar 1987

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Ihrer Exzellenz
Frau Margaret Thatcher, MP
Premierminister des
Vereinigten Königreichs
Großbritannien und Nordirland

London

PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. T13B/87

Sehr verehrte Frau Premierminister,

Liebe Margaret,

haben Sie herzlichen Dank für die Glückwünsche, die Sie mir anlässlich der Bestätigung der von mir geführten Regierung in den Bundestagswahlen übermittelt haben. Auch ich freue mich, daß wir unsere enge und vertrauensvolle Zusammenarbeit fortsetzen können.

Ich danke Ihnen auch für den Ausdruck der Solidarität im Falle der Entführung zweier deutscher Staatsangehöriger im Libanon. Die Bundesregierung wird sich von den Geiselnehmern nicht unter Druck setzen lassen, auch wenn dies bedeutet, daß wir nicht mit einer raschen Lösung rechnen können.

In der Tat zeigen diese Entführungen einmal mehr, wie wichtig es ist, daß wir gemeinsam den Kampf gegen den internationalen Terrorismus führen.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen

H. L. Schmidt

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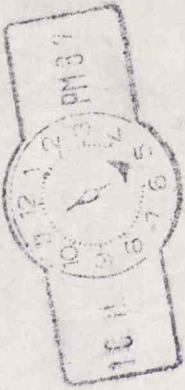
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Yours sincerely,

(sgd) Helmut Kohl



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Information

The Minister

Minister of the Interior

Prime Minister of the United Kingdom
of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
London

Dear Mr. Minister, dear Mr. Minister,

Thank you very much for your letter of 10th March 1964. I am
pleased to hear that the British election is too far
backed forward to continue our close-to-connection in a spirit
of mutual confidence.

Thank you also for your expression of solidarity with regard to
the situation of the German Republic in Lebanon. The Federal
Government will continue to be fully engaged by the
situation. Even if this means that we cannot expect an early
solution.

These matters have been discussed and agreed upon again by the
and so we shall continue our efforts to resolve the
situation.

Yours sincerely,

Willy Brandt