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From the Private Secretary

26 March 1987

Koenigswinter Conference:
Message from the Prime Minister

Thank you for your letter of 24 March.

I enclose the signed message from
the Prime Minister.

(CHARLES POWELL)

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THE PRIME MINISTER

I send you my very best wishes for the 1987 Koenigswinter Conference, which will also be Sir Frank Roberts' last Conference as Chairman of the British Steering Committee. He has made an outstanding, indeed historic, contribution to relations between Britain and Germany over very many years, and has played a great part in the success of Koenigswinter. He has the warmest gratitude of all of us.

Nayana Darter

April 1987



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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24 March 1987

Dear Charles,

Koenigswinter Conference, 2-4 April 1987:

Message from the Prime Minister

It has been a tradition that the Prime Minister send a short message of goodwill to the annual Koenigswinter Conference.

This year's Conference, which Mrs Chalker will attend, will take place from 2-4 April in Koenigswinter. Its theme will be "Problems without Frontiers" (programme enclosed).

I enclose a draft message for the Prime Minister's consideration. Although in previous years messages from the Prime Minister, the Federal President and Chancellor Kohl have been read out at the opening ceremony, the practice now is for the messages to be distributed in print on the first day and subsequently incorporated into the record of proceedings. As in previous years, the message includes the Foreign Secretary's good wishes.

Sir Frank Roberts stands down this year after 18 years as Chairman of the British Steering Committee of the Koenigswinter Conference. President von Weizsaecker will mark this by giving a lunch in Sir Frank's honour on the first full day of the Conference. We have therefore included a reference to Sir Frank and his work in the draft message to the Conference from the Prime Minister.

Yours ever,
L. Parker

(L Parker)
Private Secretary

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DRAFT MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER
TO KOENIGSWINTER CONFERENCE

I send you my very best wishes for the 1987
Koenigswinter Conference, which will also be

The themes you will be discussing are among
the most important national and international
issues that confront us today. I know that
your discussions will as always contribute
to strengthening our partnership and will
help us to face the challenges that lie ahead
in Europe and beyond.

At what will be Sir Frank Roberts' last Conference
as Chairman of the British Steering Committee, ~~the~~

historical
He has made an extraordinary, and indeed
it is fitting to acknowledge with warmest
contribution to Anglo-German relations and
gratitude all that Sir Frank has done personally
over so many years for relations between Britain

and Germany and particularly for his great
contribution to Koenigswinter.

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Koenigswinter. He has the warmest gratitude of all of us.

/Geoffrey Howe

Enclosures flag(s)

Geoffrey Howe joins me in wishing you every
success in your Conference.

ARBEITSGRUPPEN / STUDY GROUPS

I. Ein Wendepunkt in den amerikanisch-sowjetischen Beziehungen?

- Neue Ansätze in den Rüstungskontrollverhandlungen und ihre Folgen für die Strategie der Supermächte und der NATO
- Konsequenzen und Chancen für Westeuropa
- Die Debatte über Kernwaffen in Großbritannien und der Bundesrepublik Deutschland

A Turning Point in the American-Soviet Relationship?

- New departures in arms control negotiations and their implications for the strategy of the super-powers, and for NATO
- Consequences and opportunities for Western Europe
- The nuclear defence debate in Britain and Germany

Chairman: John Roper
Referent/Introducer: Dr. Theo Sommer
Berichterstatler/Rapporteur: Hella Pick

II. Herausforderungen für die Europäische Gemeinschaft

- „Eurosclerose“ oder Fortschritt: auf welche Weise kann Europa mithalten in einer Welt ohne Grenzen für Geld, Technologie und Informationen?
- Chancen einer Unterstützung wirtschaftlicher Veränderungen in Osteuropa?
- Die drängenden Probleme der Europäischen Gemeinschaft: z.B. Vollendung des Binnenmarktes, EMS und ECU, gemeinsame Agrarpolitik

Challenges for the European Community

- "Eurosclerosis" or progress: how can Europe compete in a world where money, technology and information have no frontiers?
- Opportunities for supporting economic change in Eastern Europe?
- Current priorities in the European Community, e.g. the completion of the internal market, EMS and ECU, CAP

Chairman: Dr. Franz Froschmaier
Referent/Introducer: Dennis Stevenson
Berichterstatler/Rapporteur: Dr. Thomas Kielinger

III. Energie und Umwelt nach Tschernobyl

- Kernkraft, Kohle, Öl, Gas und erneuerbare Energiequellen: die politischen, wirtschaftlichen und ökologischen Bilanzen
- Kernkraft als Ursache internationaler Konflikte oder Zusammenarbeit
- Wachsende Bedrohungen: saurer Regen, Zerstörung der Ozonschicht, Wasserverschmutzung und Vernichtung der Wälder
- Angst und das Denken in kurzfristigen Kategorien – Auswirkungen auf Sachentscheidungen in der demokratischen Industriegesellschaft

Energy and the Environment after Chernobyl

- Nuclear energy, coal, oil, gas, renewable sources: the political, economic and ecological balance sheet
- Nuclear energy as a source of international conflict or co-operation
- The growing threats concerning acid rain, destruction of the ozone layer, pollution of water and deforestation
- Human fear and short-term thinking and their effects on decision-making in industrial democracies

Chairman: Prof. Dr. Kurt Biedenkopf
Referent/Introducer: Dr. Ronaldo H. Schmitz
Berichterstatler/Rapporteur:

IV. Jugend und Zukunft

- Arbeitsplätze und Zukunftschancen: Erwartungen und Wirklichkeit – wurden die Kinder der 60er Jahre irregeleitet?
- Folgen der permissiven Gesellschaft: z.B. Drogen, AIDS und Selbstzerstörung
- Die nachlassende Bereitschaft zum Kind: wie soll die Soziallast von morgen getragen werden?
- Vom Schulabschluß in die Schlange der Arbeitslosen – neue Wege der Ausbildung in der Industriegesellschaft von morgen

The Young and the Future

- Jobs and prospects: expectations and reality – were the children of the Sixties misled?
- The fruits of permissiveness? e.g. Drugs, AIDS and self-destruction
- The revolt against parenthood: how will tomorrow's social burden be carried?
- From classroom to dole queue – training for the post-industrial society

Chairman: George Robertson, MP.
Referent/Introducer: Nicholas Hinton
Berichterstatler/Rapporteur: Dr. Anke Martiny, MdB

Winding-up address: Nigel Forman, MP.
Chairman der Plenarsitzung: Sir Oliver Wright

Drei Arbeitsgruppen sind mit einer Simultan-Übersetzungsanlage versehen, eine Arbeitsgruppe wird in Englisch diskutieren.
Three study groups will be provided with simultaneous translation, one group will discuss in English.

TIME-TABLE

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

- approx. 12.30 Arrival of British participants from London
- approx. 15.00 Arrival of group of British participants from Berlin
- 13.00 Luncheon at the Adam-Stegerwald-Haus
- 15.00 Opening Session
 - The themes of the study groups outlined briefly by the introducers followed by short discussion
 - Break for tea or coffee
- 17.30 – 18.30 Special Session (panel discussion on the current political scene)
- 20.00 Reception given by the Federal German Government "Redoute", Bonn-Bad Godesberg

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

- 7.45 – 8.45 Breakfast
- 9.00 Group discussions begin
- 10.30 Break for tea or coffee
- 11.00 – 12.00 Continuation of the group discussions
- 12.30 Luncheon
- 15.00 Continuation of the group discussions
- 16.00 Break for tea or coffee
- 16.30 – 18.00 Continuation of the group discussions
- 20.00 Buffet Supper given by H.E. The British Ambassador, Sir Julian Bullard, KCMG., and Lady Bullard, at Heisterbachstrasse 39, Bonn-Bad Godesberg

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

- 7.45 – 8.45 Breakfast
- 9.00 – 13.00 Condensed reports on the work of the study groups (approx. 10 minutes each).
 - Short break, followed by plenary discussion and winding-up address
- 13.30 Luncheon
 - Conference ends
- 16.00 Departure of British participants for Cologne/Bonn and Düsseldorf Airports for group flights to London

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Prime Minister

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The Rt.Hon. Margaret Thatcher, MP,
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Dear Prime Minister,

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I should like to thank you, on behalf of all the participants at this year's Königswinter Conference for your kind message. We appreciate your continued interest in our meetings and the talks which take place during these annual gatherings.

Like you, we are deeply conscious of the great debt we owe to Sir Frank Roberts on his retirement as Chairman of the British Königswinter Steering Committee, for his unceasing efforts in the field of Anglo-German relations over so many years.

However, we rest assured that in Sir Oliver Wright - a well-remembered and highly-respected former British Ambassador in Bonn - we could not have found a better successor to Sir Frank and a more ideal partner for the Königswinter forum.

As you know, one of the study groups on our agenda this year addressed itself to the East-West dialogue and the developments and events which have been taking place recently. Needless to say, your remarkable and so successful visit to the Soviet Union stimulated our discussions and lent them particular actuality and relevance.

Sincerely yours

Karl-Günther von Hase

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Prime Minister⁴

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8th April, 1987

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To dear Prime Minister, at 11ap

You were very kind in your message to this year's Konigswinter Conference in referring so generously to my personal contribution to these Conferences and to Anglo-German relations generally. May I thank you most warmly.

We had a good conference, all the more interesting because it coincided with your own marvellous visit to Moscow. Although I have seen at close quarters other successful Anglo-Soviet meetings in the days of Winston Churchill and again of Khrushchev, I would not have believed it possible for you to achieve all that you did, and would like to add mine to the many congratulations you have received.

Yours Sincerely,

Frank K Roberts

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The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher MP
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