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From the Private Secretary

2 April 1988

KÖNIGSWINTER CONFERENCE

I enclose a message from the Prime Minister
to be read at the Königswinter Conference,
as requested in your letter of 31 March.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

I send my customary greetings to the participants in this year's Königswinter Conference at Cambridge. Your themes are as always topical and controversial, and calculated to produce the stimulating and imaginative exchanges for which Königswinter is famous. I wish you enjoyment and success in your discussions.

This will be the first time in the 38 year history of Königswinter that Dame Lilo Milchsack has not been present. She will be much missed. But I take the opportunity to thank her on behalf of everyone for her outstanding contribution to the success of Königswinter and to wish her well.

Margaret Thatcher

April 1988

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Dear Charles,

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Königswinter Conference, 7-9 April 1988:
Message from the Prime Minister

The Prime Minister traditionally sends a short message of goodwill to the annual Königswinter Conference.

This year's Conference, which Mrs Lynda Chalker will attend, will take place from 7-9 April in Cambridge. The theme will be "Opportunities and Risks in a Changing World" (programme enclosed). The Chancellor of the Exchequer will host the Government Dinner on 8 April.

I enclose a draft message for the Prime Minister's consideration. Messages from the Prime Minister, the Federal President and Chancellor Kohl will be distributed in print on the first day of the Conference and incorporated into the record of the proceedings.

Dame Lilo Milchsack, the Honorary Chairman of Königswinter, will not be attending this year for the first time in the Conference's 38 year history. We have therefore included a reference to Dame Lilo in the draft message to the Conference from the Prime Minister.

Yours ever,

L. Parker

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Private Secretary

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Opportunities and Risks in a Changing World

I The West facing Gorbachev's Russia

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- Domestic changes and their impact on foreign policy
- Implications of super-power agreement for Europe, e.g. foreign policy, nuclear arms control, regional conflicts, conventional disarmament
- Evolutionary trends in the East-West security system. Consequences of institutional changes within the Western Alliance
- Differentiation between the socialist countries: the West's response.

II The Need for International Economic Policy Co-ordination

- The volatility of global financial markets
- Trade imbalances and their impact
- The changing nature of the debt crisis
- How to prevent a world recession?

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III From European Co-operation to European Unity

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- Do national identities and bilateral relations interfere with the consolidation of Europe?
- Completion of the Internal Market by 1992: Rhetoric and reality, regional disparities and redistribution, "Fortress Europe", EMS
- Escaping from permanent budget crisis - agricultural excesses - a stable long-term funding plan?
- European technological co-operation and the external challenge.

IV The New Information Society

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- The political process: the age of the communicator, impact on parliamentary systems, information without frontiers, control of the media
- The impact on the economy: new employment patterns, quality of work
- The effect on life styles, e.g. distance learning and personal services
- Towards a new illiteracy in a global monoculture or new opportunities for autonomy and diversity?
- Computers and personal privacy.

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