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From the Private Secretary

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You wrote to me on 28 July about the idea of the Prime Minister and Chancellor Kohl sending a joint message or a joint emissary to President Botha. I have tried to contact Herr Teltschik to discuss this further. Unfortunately, both he and Chancellor Kohl are still on holiday and will be for some time. I did succeed in having a word with Dr. Hartmann who in turn has contacted Herr Teltschik. Herr Teltschik reported that he discussed the matter with the Chancellor who would be content to use Dr. Leutweiler as an emissary, and certainly had no better candidate to suggest. Herr Teltschik said that the next steps should be to see whether Dr. Leutweiler was prepared to undertake the mission: if he was, then Herr Teltschik and I should meet to discuss his mandate. I told Dr. Hartmann it was useful to have this steer on German views. It was not practical to take matters further until early September. But I thought it might be better for an initial approach to Dr. Leutweiler to come from the German side. Hartmann was a bit cautious about this, but promised to discuss it further with Herr Teltschik when he had an opportunity.

It was left that Herr Teltschik and I would be in touch again at the beginning of September. ||

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