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MEETING WITH MR TELTSCHIK

You have agreed to see Mr Teltschik briefly on Monday morning so that he can brief you on Chancellor Kohl's visit to Moscow. He will also be discussing with me the text of the speaking note for Mr Leutwiler to use with President Botha.

Points which you might raise with Mr Teltschik are:

Significance of the visit

You might ask Teltschik to convey congratulations to Chancellor Kohl on the success of his visit and on the way in which he abided firmly by agreed NATO positions.

Human rights

The Russians seem to be back-tracking somewhat on the assurance which they apparently gave to Chancellor Kohl about the release of political prisoners. You hoped that, on his part, Chancellor Kohl made clear the West could not attend a human rights conference in Moscow until the Soviet Union had implemented its obligations under the Helsinki Accords in full.

Economic relations

You will want to question Teltschik on the Chancellor's approach to economic assistance - credits, loans, etc. - to the Soviet Union and the East European countries. You will want to tell him of the firm line which you took in Poland and how you think talk of anything resembling a Marshall Plan is misplaced.

Modernisation of nuclear weapons

You might take the opportunity to stress to Mr Teltschik - for Chancellor Kohl's benefit - the great importance you attach to timely decisions on modernisation of NATO's nuclear weapons. In the present state of change and flux in East/West relations it is very important not to give

the wrong signal but rather to proceed smoothly with
implementing the decisions already taken by Heads of
Government. We must, in particular, get a decision on a
successor to Lance through in good time.

South Africa

You might say to Teltschik that we think Mr Leutwiler
should go to South Africa fairly soon now that the local
elections are out of the way.

You will want to say that you are looking forward to meeting
Chancellor Kohl over breakfast in Rhodes on 2 December.

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Charles Powell

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