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ANGLO-GERMAN SUMMIT, 20-21 FEBRUARY 1989

SUMMARY

1. IN HIS BILATERAL MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER ON 2 DECEMBER, KOHL MAY RAISE POSSIBILITY OF THEIR BOTH ATTENDING, DURING THE BILATERAL SUMMIT IN FEBRUARY, A MEETING TO MARK THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GERMAN-BRITISH SOCIETY.

DETAIL

2. AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE GERMAN-BRITISH SOCIETY IN THE FRG (DEUTSCH-ENGLISCHE GESELLSCHAFT) HAS BEEN CONSIDERING A CELEBRATION NEXT SUMMER TO MARK ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY. THE CHAIRMAN, VON HASE, HAS NOW SUGGESTED TO TELTSCHIK THAT THIS EVENT MIGHT BE BROUGHT FORWARD TO COINCIDE WITH THE ANGLO-GERMAN SUMMIT IN FEBRUARY AND THAT THE CHANCELLOR AND THE PRIME MINISTER MIGHT ATTEND. THE EVENT WOULD CONSIST OF A PUBLIC MEETING LASTING ABOUT AN HOUR AND FEATURING SPEECHES OF SOME 20 MINUTES EACH BY THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE CHANCELLOR. THE PLACE WOULD PROBABLY BE DUESSELDORF AND THE TIME MIGHT BE THE EVENING OF 20 FEBRUARY.

3. KOHL IS AT PRESENT KEEN TO DRAW MORE PUBLIC ATTENTION TO THE IMPORTANCE OF ANGLO-GERMAN RELATIONS. TELTSCHIK HAS TOLD VON HASE THAT HE THINKS THE CHANCELLOR WOULD BE INTERESTED IN THIS IDEA AND THAT KOHL MIGHT MENTION IT TO THE PRIME MINISTER IN RHODES.

4. THE GERMAN-BRITISH SOCIETY IS THE GERMAN ORGANISER OF THE KOENIGSWINTER CONFERENCES. IT ALSO ORGANISES MANY OTHER ANGLO-GERMAN EVENTS. IT IS BY FAR THE MOST IMPORTANT ORGANISATION IN GERMANY THAT IS CONCERNED WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM.

5. ATTENDANCE AT SUCH AN EVENT NEED NOT LENGTHEN THE PRIME MINISTER'S STAY IN GERMANY FOR THE SUMMIT. A SHORT SPEECH BY HER WOULD BE THE BEST POSSIBLE MEANS OF DRAWING PUBLIC ATTENTION HERE TO

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