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From the Private Secretary

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CDU ECONOMIC COUNCIL

You will recall that the German Ambassador conveyed an invitation to the Prime Minister to address the CDU Economic Council in Bonn on 17 or 18 October. The Prime Minister is unable to accept because it coincides with CHOGM. She suggested that the Chancellor of the Exchequer might be able to speak in her place.

The Prime Minister and the Chancellor discussed this today and the Prime Minister accepted that it would not be possible for the Chancellor to take on an additional major speech between the Party Conference and his Mansion House speech. They agreed that the matter should be left over until next year and that the Germans should be informed that the Prime Minister would be ready to be approached again about the possibility of speaking then.

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From the Private Secretary

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CDU ECONOMIC COUNCIL, 17/18 OCTOBER

The Prime Minister was recently invited by the CDU in Germany to address its Economic Council this October in Bonn. It is an excellent audience of some 1,500 top German businessmen and the Prime Minister was keen to accept. Unfortunately, the dates of 17/18 October are impossible for her, given that CHOGM starts in Kuala Lumpur on 18 October.

I have conveyed the Prime Minister's regrets to the German Ambassador. He has now come back to say that the organisers wonder whether the Chancellor of the Exchequer would address the Council instead, on 17 October at 1830. The Prime Minister hopes that the Chancellor will take this on if at all possible. She thinks it would be a very good occasion to get over our views on the continuing subsidies and restrictions which characterise the German economy.

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I should be grateful if you would let me know whether the Chancellor is willing to accept.

I am copying this letter to Richard Gozney (Foreign and Commonwealth Office).

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