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PRIME MINISTER

FURTHER MEETING WITH CHANCELLOR KOHL

Chancellor Kohl's office have been in touch to discuss dates for your weekend stay at his home. They have suggested Saturday 29 April. Unfortunately this is the day you have already offered to Lubbers for a bilateral at Chequers and he has accepted.

The preceding weekend (22/23 April) would be much easier for you but is too far ahead of the NATO Summit to be ideal. The following weekend (6/7 May) runs into your 10th anniversary, although the Saturday is free at present. The weekend after that (13/14 May) would mean going to Germany direct from the Scottish Party Conference.

Before going further with the Germans, it would be helpful to have your view on which of these options you would prefer.

The choices are:

- to fly across to Germany on the late afternoon of Saturday 29 April, immediately after your meeting with Lubbers, and spend Sunday 30 April with Kohl. There is some advantage in this as Monday 1 May is a Bank Holiday;
- to go direct from the Scottish Party Conference on Saturday 13 May, spend that night in Germany, and come back on Sunday 14 May;
- to offer the earlier weekend of Saturday 22/Sunday 23 April.

I do not of course know which of these Chancellor Kohl could manage - except the first - but if you could indicate your preference we can try and press it on him.

I attach the relevant pages of your long-term diary.

CHARLES POWELL

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