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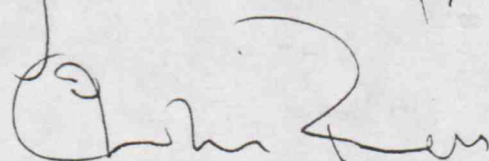
From the Private Secretary

1 May 1989

Dear Stephen,

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO GERMANY

I enclose the Prime Minister's thank you letter to Chancellor Kohl. I should be grateful if you would send it to Bonn for delivery as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,


(C. D. POWELL)

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THE PRIME MINISTER

1 May 1989

Dear Helmut-

I thoroughly enjoyed my visit to Deidesheim and the opportunity to see something of your home territory. It was very good of you to go to so much trouble over my programme, both in Deidesheim and in Speyer. I shall treasure the link with Deidesheim that my vine creates and look forward to drinking the first bottles from it! The cathedral at Speyer was magnificent, so full of history, its beauty coming from its simplicity. The restoration is a great tribute to your dedication as Minister-President.

It was important for us to talk at this difficult moment in NATO's affairs. We still have a lot of work to do, if we are to avoid a divided summit at the end of May. We must abide strictly by the commitments which we have all accepted at the last summit and within the NPG, and ensure that George Bush's first visit to Europe as President is not marred by discord at the very time when NATO most needs to demonstrate unity and strength. I hope we can keep in very close contact over the coming few weeks.

Finally may I thank you most warmly for your very generous gift, which will give great pleasure.

Yours ever

Margaret

His Excellency Dr. Helmut Kohl