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PRIME MINISTER

MEETING WITH THE GOVERNING MAYOR OF BERLIN

You are to see the Governing Mayor of Berlin on Thursday - the brand new SPD one elected at the end of January and now governing Berlin in coalition with the Greens. Herr Momper is paying a first round of calls to the capitals of the three Berlin powers and has already seen President Bush.

Herr Momper is apparently a strong supporter of the Allied presence in Berlin, which is more than can be said of his coalition partners: the Greens want to see the Allied presence reduced to a 'token' level. The purpose of his visit is to consult closely with the allies before starting on the contacts with the East, and this is of course something which we welcome.

Herr Momper's priorities are with domestic issues in Berlin, in particular housing and unemployment. His views on East/West issues and arms control look pretty naive: he supports Soviet disarmament initiatives: wants nuclear and chemical weapons-free zones: and is against SNF modernisation. He also believes in a more open attitude towards the GDR.

You will want to reaffirm our commitment to Berlin's security and prosperity. You may then like to ask him what he believes were the main factors leading to the defeat of the previous Berlin government. You will want to set out your own views on East/West relations, Gorbachev and arms control. You will want to warn against taking East Germany's statements about willingness for East/West co-operation at face value: it remains one of the most unreconstructed and unpleasant regimes in Eastern Europe and he would be well advised to exercise great caution in dealing with them.

Fuller briefing, together with a personality note is in the folder.

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Dear Charles,

Call on the Prime Minister by the Governing Mayor of Berlin
at 1215 on Thursday 4 May

Herr Momper will be accompanied by the German Ambassador, Baron Hermann von Richthofen. Herr Momper speaks very good English. Providing you agree, Mr Michael Burton, the Minister at the British Military Government who will be in London for the visit, will, as on past occasions, also attend.

I enclose a personality note on Herr Momper, and a copy of the programme for the visit.

The Prime Minister did not meet Herr Momper when she visited Berlin in 1987. Herr Momper's coalition government (an alliance between the SPD and the Alternative List (AL) - the Berlin Greens) came to power following the surprise result of the 29 January elections. They are still developing their policies and the visit to London is part of an early tour of the three Allied capitals. Herr Momper met President Bush and Mr Baker when he visited Washington from 16-19 April, and will meet President Mitterrand in Paris in mid-May. Herr Momper's wish to make such visits before embarking on contacts with, for example, the GDR is intended to underline his full personal support for the Allies' continuing presence and role in Berlin.

During the negotiations over the formation of his coalition he persuaded his Green coalition partners to moderate some of their previous attitudes, which had included a demand for the Allies' presence to be reduced to a "token" level. The key question is whether he has the strength to restrain the radicals (including in his own party) and keep the coalition together.

Herr Momper delivered his statement of the new government (Senat) programme to the Berlin House of Representatives on 13 April. His priorities are domestic and include measures to improve the housing situation and tackle unemployment. He said that Berlin's free and democratic society could not have

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developed without the Allies' presence, but that there were a number of areas, including legal questions and air transport, where the new Senat would be looking for concessions from us. These issues will be covered in talks with Lynda Chalker and me. If Herr Momper should raise them, it would be sufficient for the Prime Minister to recognise that these are important points for the new Senat, which we are willing to discuss with them. Our own approach, in these talks and afterwards, will be to insist on close consultation between the Senat and the Allies; to show ourselves ready to consider ideas on their merits; to look for agreement where possible; but to say no where necessary. It will be important to treat the new Senat on a par with the old.

We recommend that the Prime Minister should concentrate on broader matters of East/West relations, as she did with the previous Governing Mayor, Herr Diepgen, in January. Herr Momper's views on these questions are those of the German SPD. In a recent interview, he spoke in support of Soviet disarmament initiatives, of Nuclear and Chemical Weapon Free Zones in Europe, and against missile modernisation. It would therefore be useful if the Prime Minister could set out our views on the prospect for arms control and the need for the West to maintain strong defences. On Nuclear Weapons Free Zones she could explain that these would not enhance security, since they could still be targeted from outside, and since mobile missiles could easily be moved back in times of tension. Herr Momper would also be interested to hear from the Prime Minister her assessment of the changes that are under way in the Soviet Union, drawing on her recent meeting with Mr Gorbachev.

As indicated above, we recommend the Prime Minister need not discuss specific Berlin issues. But, in the context of a discussion on East/West relations, the Prime Minister might reaffirm our commitment to Berlin's security and prosperity, and draw Herr Momper out on his view of Berlin's role in the future. Herr Momper has recently spoken of Berlin becoming a room in the "Common European Home", with doors opened to all sides. The new coalition is likely to take a more open attitude towards the GDR than that of Herr Diepgen (which itself caused the Allies some difficulties). The Prime Minister might remind Herr Momper that, while the GDR may show interest in cooperation at a practical level, the regime remains one of the most old fashioned and unreformed in

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Eastern Europe, and will not hesitate to take advantage of any opportunities to exploit apparent divisions between the Allies and the Senat.

Yours ever,
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MOMPER, WALTER

Governing Mayor of Berlin since March 1989.

Born 21 February 1945 in Sulingen (lower Saxony). Grew up in Bremen. Read political science, history, and economics at Münster, Munich, and the Free University Berlin. Joined the SPD in 1967 and cut his political teeth in Kreuzberg borough politics, as Chairman of the local Young Socialists from 1969-1971 and in other appointments. He became a member of the House of Representatives in 1975, and of the Berlin SPD Party Executive in 1978. He became Deputy Chairman of the SPD Parliamentary Group in 1980 and Chairman in 1985. He became Chairman of the Berlin SPD Party Executive in 1986. His other interests include the German Political Science Association, Friends of the Spandau Mental Clinic, and the Workers' Samaritan Federation.

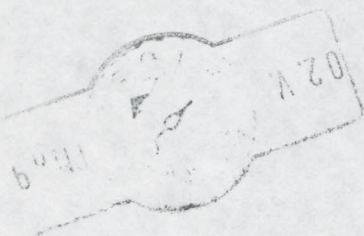
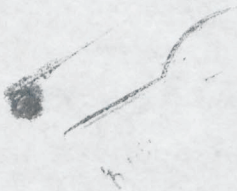
Intelligent, and good (sometimes passionate) debator. Prominent in the attack on Berlin's corruption scandal in early 1986. Now a keen advocate of closer contacts with East Berlin, on the basis of accepting it as the functional capital of the GDR. Well-disposed towards the Allies. Married (wife's name Anne), with two daughters. Speaks good English.

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ADMINISTRATION PLAN FOR THE VISIT OF HERR WALTER MOMPER,
GOVERNING MAYOR OF BERLIN:
2-5 MAY 1989

(to be read in conjunction with the official programme)

Tuesday 2 May

1 ARRIVAL

The Governing Mayor will arrive at London Heathrow Airport at 1845 hours by Flight BA 989.

When the aircraft has landed, a representative of Heathrow Airport Limited will escort His Excellency the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the aircraft (accompanied by Group Captain Robert Thomson, Government Hospitality Escort Officer), where they will greet the Governing Mayor. They will then accompany the Governing Mayor and his Official Suite to the VIP suite where he will be welcomed by:

Sir Edwin Arrowsmith
Special Representative of the Secretary of State
for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs

Brigadier Alan Cowan
Secretary, Government Hospitality

Mr Michael St E Burton, Minister at Berlin, will arrive at London Heathrow Airport on the same aircraft as the Governing Mayor and will accompany the official party to the VIP suite.

Dr Christian Stocks, Counsellor, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, will also be present to welcome the Governing Mayor.

2 TRANSPORT

Cars are provided for the Official Suite by Government Hospitality throughout the visit.

3 PARTICIPATION BY THE OFFICIAL SUITE

The Governing Mayor will be accompanied by his Official Suite, together with His Excellency the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany and Mr Michael Burton, except where indicated below.

Dr Klaus-Peter Klaiber, Minister-Counsellor, and Dr Christian Stocks, Counsellor, of the Federal Republic of Germany, will also accompany as necessary.

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Although Frau Ursel Haselby (Mrs Haselby) will accompany the Governing Mayor as a member of the Official Suite, she will not accompany the Governing Mayor to any of the functions etc indicated in the official printed programme. As Press Officer, she will accompany the visiting journalists at all times.

Wednesday 3 May

4 Mr Michael Burton will not accompany the Governing Mayor to the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany but will join the party for the call on the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs at 1000 hours.

5 CALL ON THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS

The Governing Mayor will be accompanied at the talks by Professor Dr Pfarr, Frau Dr Schreyer and by His Excellency the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany. Mr Michael Burton will also be present.

It is to be advised whether Herr Kolhoff will attend as Notetaker.

PROGRAMME AMENDMENT

The Governing Mayor will not now call at the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany at 1500 hours following the visit to the Royal Institute of International Affairs. Instead, the following will apply:

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| 1445 | Arrive the Central London branch of the Samaritans,
46 Marshall Street, W1 |
| | Tour, and Presentation on the work of the Samaritans
in Central London |
| 1530 | Leave the Central London branch of the Samaritans |
| 1615 | Arrive Mansion House, Walbrook Entrance |
| | Met by the City Marshal, Colonel J R L Howard |
| | Presentation |
| 1630 | Tea with the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor
Sir Christopher Collett |
| 1700 | Leave Mansion House |

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6 THEATRE/SUPPER PARTY
(Royal Festival Hall/Admiralty House)

The Theatre/Supper Party will be:

The Governing Mayor of Berlin
Herr Walter Momper

The Lord Glenarthur (host)

Professor Dr Heide Pfarr

Mr Michael Burton

Frau Dr Michaele Schreyer

Herr Klaus-Peter Klaiber

Herr Werner Kolhoff

Frau Klaiber

Mr Richard Fyjis-Walker

Mrs Fyjis-Walker

Mr David Ratford

Mr Stephen Wordsworth

Group Captain Robert Thomson

One name to be advised

Thursday 4 May

7 TALKS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER

For the call on the Prime Minister, Herr Momper will be accompanied only by His Excellency the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany and by Mr Michael Burton.

8 TALKS WITH THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

For the call on the Rt Hon Neil Kinnock MP, Herr Momper will be accompanied by His Excellency the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany.

9 PRESS CONFERENCE

Following the luncheon given by His Excellency the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany, the Governing Mayor will arrive at the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany where he will hold a Press Conference (1515-1615 hours).

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10 SEPARATE PROGRAMME FOR FRAU DR MICHAELE SCHREYER

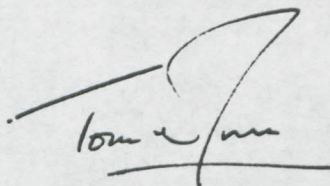
Frau Dr Schreyer, accompanied by Herr Dietmar Greineder, First Counsellor (Scientific Affairs) of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany will call on Mr David Burr, Deputy Secretary (Environment Protection) at the Department of the Environment, 2 Marsham Street, Westminster, SW1.

The call will last from 1600-1630 and will take place in Room N 19/20 (North Tower).

Frau Dr Schreyer and Herr Greineder will be met by Miss Skeggs and escorted to the meeting with Mr Burr.

Transport will be provided by the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany.

11 It is possible that certain other appointments may be confirmed during the visit of the Governing Mayor and certain timings may be adjusted during the course of the Programme. Details will be advised as necessary.



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From the Private Secretary

26 April 1989

**PROPOSED VISIT OF THE
GOVERNING MAYOR OF BERLIN**

Thank you for your letter of 26 April pressing the claims of the Governing Mayor of Berlin. I am afraid the only time we can fit him in is at 1215 on 4 May. I regret that this means postponement of the Foreign Secretary's bilateral.

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26 April 1989

Dear Charles,

Proposed Visit of the Governing Mayor of Berlin

Thank you for your letter of 21 April.

The Foreign Secretary recognises the extremely heavy demands on the Prime Minister's time, but still hopes that she will be able to see Herr Momper during his visit from 3-5 May.

The Allies have a unique responsibility for Berlin. Herr Momper's visit to London provides us with an opportunity to show him, at the highest level, that we remain committed to Berlin's future security and prosperity. Herr Momper is well disposed towards the Allies but there are others in his party (SPD), and amongst his coalition partners, the Alternative List, who are much more inclined to question the Allies' position. We may need to rely heavily in the years ahead on Herr Momper's goodwill and common sense. Time and trouble we take with him now are likely to pay a good dividend.

Naturally we regret that we have to ask the Prime Minister to see two Governing Mayors of Berlin in four months. But the fact that the Prime Minister saw Herr Momper's predecessor, Herr Diepgen, on three occasions, coupled with Herr Momper's subsequent success in the polls, strengthens, rather than weakens, the case for seeing Herr Momper now. Herr Momper has already seen Mr Bush in Washington, and is due to call on M Mitterrand and M Rocard in Paris on 16-17 May.

I recognise that the request for this call comes at short notice. We had originally envisaged a longer timescale. But Herr Momper's strong desire to visit Allied capitals before travelling elsewhere is soundly based. Herr Momper hopes to visit East Berlin and Moscow and wants to have visited Allied capitals first.

Yours we,

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From the Private Secretary

21 April 1989

PROPOSED VISIT OF THE GOVERNING MAYOR OF BERLIN

Thank you for your letter of 20 April proposing that the Prime Minister should see the new Governing Mayor of Berlin between 3 and 5 May. It is asking a great deal of the Prime Minister to find time once again for a Governing Mayor of Berlin in the space of a few months, at short notice, and on days when she has very heavy engagements (some of them not unconnected with the fact that they mark her tenth anniversary as Prime Minister). Indeed to put it bluntly I think there is a tendency at the present to put the convenience of foreign visitors of second and even third rank ahead of that of the Prime Minister. We are going to have to cut back and it is really only a question of where we start. I cannot myself see a very strong case for Herr Momper, at least on the dates in question, and would ask you to consider very carefully whether you really want to press this. In the last resort, I do not doubt that the Prime Minister would agree. But I also think insisting on it would make her more resistant in future to people with better claims on her time. Can I please ask you to think further about this.

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Dear Charles,

Berlin, Proposed Visit by the New Governing Mayor

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The new Governing Mayor of Berlin, Herr Walter Momper, has made clear that he would like to pay an early visit to each Allied capital. He will have met President Bush and Mr Baker in Washington from 16-19 April and is to meet M Mitterrand and M Rocard in Paris on 16-17 May. We envisage that he might come to London between 3-5 May.

Herr Momper's new government, a coalition of the socialist SPD and the Berlin "Greens", the Alternative List (AL), is likely to prove more awkward for the Allies than Herr Diepgen's CDU/FDP coalition. The government includes some left-wing members of the SPD, and there are many people at the grass roots level in the AL who want the Allies to leave Berlin altogether. But Herr Momper has already played an important moderating role in getting the AL leadership to shelve some of their more radical demands. He is personally well-disposed towards the Allies, and has a particular affection for the United Kingdom. He made a point of keeping in close touch with the Allies while in opposition, and has already made clear since his election that he hopes for good working relations now.

The Prime Minister saw his predecessor, Herr Diepgen, on his three visits to London (1984, 1986 and 1989). Herr Diepgen's defeat was a surprise, but the Allies have carefully avoided any expressions of regret at the outcome of the elections, remaining strictly impartial. Herr Momper would clearly greatly value a call on the Prime Minister during his visit to London, which he is keen should, for reasons of courtesy and political symbolism, take place before he travels elsewhere. (Trips to Moscow and East Berlin are planned.) Such a meeting would indicate that we attach no less importance to our special responsibilities over Berlin than do the other Allies, and demonstrate that we have an even-handed approach to the parties in Government there.

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The Foreign Secretary therefore recommends that the Prime Minister should see Herr Momper during his visit. If the Prime Minister agrees, it would be helpful to have an indication of when a call might take place.

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