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THE PRIME MINISTER

4 September 1989

Dear Helmut,

I greatly appreciate your message to me covering a copy of the statement you made in the German Bundestag on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the outbreak of World War II.

As you suggest, it is salutary for us all to remember the appalling suffering and injustices which occurred before and during that conflict and to renew our determination to work for a future in which such events cannot happen again.

Warm regards,

Yours ever

Raymond

His Excellency Dr. Helmut Kohl

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

1 September 1989

Dear Charles,

Chancellor Kohl today delivered in the German Bundestag a statement on the 50th Anniversary of the outbreak of World War II. He has also sent a personal message to the Prime Minister enclosing a copy of the speech. These were delivered to the FCO today, under cover of a letter to the Prime Minister from the Federal German Ambassador, with the request that they be passed to the Prime Minister as soon as possible.

In delivering these papers, the Minister of the Federal German Embassy indicated that the speech was primarily directed to the domestic German audience and dealt particularly with Poland. He was not instructed to draw any particular points to our attention. Nor was there any specific new announcement, for instance on the question of refugees from the GDR.

The Prime Minister may wish to acknowledge Chancellor Kohl's letter. I enclose a draft.

Jans,
Stephen Wall

(J S Wall)
Private Secretary

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Prime Minister

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Herr Helmut Kohl,
Chancellor of the Federal Republic
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