



Yes. we must get things agreed
between the US, USSR and France
FRG - to meet the
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Prime Minister

From the Secretary of State

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Agree that the Foreign
Secretary should convey
this message to

Dear Prime Minister,
Kohl? CDP

We are sending Charles 2/2.
what I propose to say in
my speech at Bonn next
Tuesday. I think it is on
the lines of our recent
discussions, and that to
say less about unification
at this stage would weaken

our influence in the transitions -
you will have seen how the
idea of transition has caught on.

If you agree I wd. like to
have a short tête à tête with
Kohl, giving him a message from
you - to the effect that you
think it crucially important from
all points of view that the CDU shd.
win in the autumn, and will
do whatever you can to help, and
that he shd. let you know at any
time about this. Is this about
right, and is there anything
you wd. like me to add?

Yours,

D. G. 17.

*mebm*

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From the Private Secretary

4 February 1990

See Stepler.

The Prime Minister has seen the personal letter from the Foreign Secretary about the message which he proposes to give Chancellor Kohl. She is content with what he proposes to say, but would like him also to underline the importance of agreeing the main steps on the way to unification with Britain and the United States, France and the Soviet Union. She would also like the Foreign Secretary to emphasise the crucial importance of Germany remaining in NATO: she thinks Chancellor Kohl's robust stand on this is absolutely right.

*Yours sincerely,
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