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From the Private Secretary

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Dear Stephen,

ANGLO-GERMAN SUMMIT

Thank you for your letter of 5 February about the agenda, participation and arrangements for the Anglo-German Summit. It might be considered foolhardy to try to set the agenda this far ahead. Judging from the latest telegrams from Bonn, we may well be dealing with a Germany which, to all intents and purposes, is united by then (at least economically). But it is probably a safe bet that we shall want to discuss the German Question in one form or another, with EC matters in second place. Participation could be as you suggest, provided the Ministers concerned are available. I have no comments on the programme.

I am copying this letter to John Gieve (HM Treasury), Simon Webb (Ministry of Defence), Martin Stanley (Department of Trade and Industry) and Sonia Phippard (Cabinet Office).

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Charles,

Anglo-German Summit

We need to put to the Germans fairly soon our proposals for the agenda and participation at the Anglo-German Summit on 30 March.

The Foreign Secretary suggests that the agenda might cover:

- developments in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union;
- the German Question;
- consequences for the Alliance, security policy and East-West diplomacy;
- EC matters (EMU, Single Market, EC/Eastern Europe, enlargement and GATT);
- South Africa (if necessary in the light of events).

As for participation, the Foreign Secretary suggests that the Prime Minister might be accompanied by himself, the Chancellor, and the Defence and Trade and Industry Secretaries. Waigel has adopted a cautious approach to EMU. It would be useful to discuss this and other EC issues with him before the informal ECOFIN meeting in Brussels on 31 March-1 April. Mr Ridley and Mr Haussman might discuss the Single Market, the implications of developments in Eastern Europe, GATT and other international trade issues. Defence Secretaries would have much to discuss. They might report back to Heads of Government on the work of the joint study group as well as on EFA and other bilateral matters.

We are in touch separately about arrangements for the Prime Minister and Chancellor Kohl to attend the Konigswinter dinner in Cambridge on 29 March. Other German Ministers would arrive on the morning of 30 March. I enclose an illustrative programme for the Summit itself.

I am copying this letter to John Gieve (HMT), Simon Webb (MOD), Martin Stanley (DTI) and Sonia Phippard (Cabinet Office).

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ANGLO-GERMAN SUMMIT: 30 MARCH

ILLUSTRATIVE TIMETABLE

[0800] German Ministers arrive from FRG

0900 Talks begin

- Prime Minister/Kohl at No 10
- Others in respective Departments

1030 Plenary

1130 Break

1145 Press Conference

1230 Lunch, No 10

[1500 Kohl attends Round Table at FT]