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From the Private Secretary

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*yours sincerely,
Chris Powell*

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Professor Norman Stone

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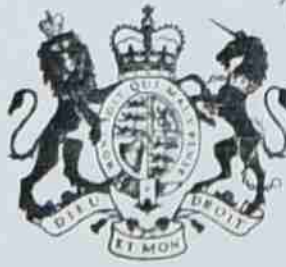
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I look forward very much to meeting you.

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Professor Fritz Stern



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MRS. GOODCHILD

CHEQUERS MEETING ON GERMANY

The Prime Minister is holding a meeting at Chequers on Saturday 24 March to discuss Germany. It will start at 12.30 with lunch and continue through the afternoon, finishing some time after tea.

Those being invited at this stage are:

- The Foreign Secretary
- ✓ Professor Gordon Craig
- ✓ Professor Fritz Stern
- ✓ Lord Dacre
- ✓ Professor Norman Stone
- ✓ Mr. Timothy Garton-Ash
- ✓ Mr. George Urban

I have written to the last four, and attach a copy of my letter.

Professor Gordon Craig will be coming over from San Francisco. We have agreed to pay a return Club Class fare (obtaining the ticket ourselves) and three nights on the ground here. We shall have to offer Professor Fritz Stern the same (he is in New York), once we know he can come.

I would be most grateful if you would take on the admin of this, using the FCO as your agents for obtaining the tickets and getting them to Craig and Stern. We will need to book their hotels here - perhaps the Hyde Park - and provide transport to Chequers.

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C. D. POWELL

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