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Prime Minister

I think you ought
to send an early
warm message to
Chancellor Kohl - so
that we can tell the
press you have done
so. You should also, of
course, congratulate the
East German leader of the
Alliance: a draft follows.
"Dear Helmut,
warm regards, Margaret"



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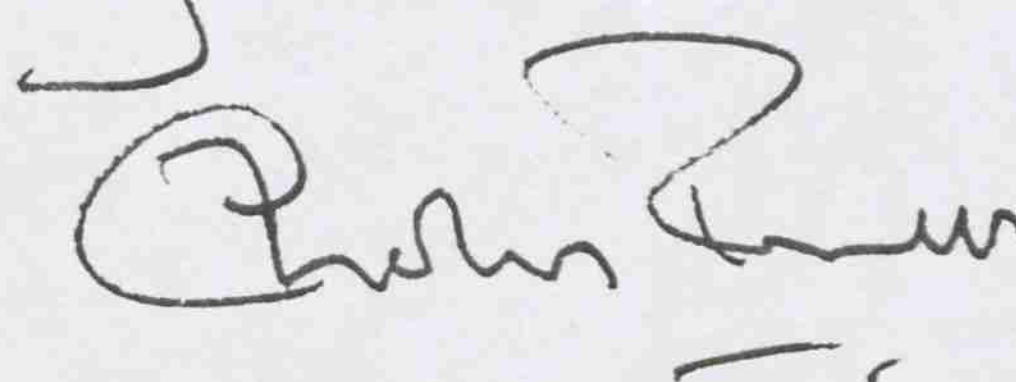
From the Private Secretary

19 March 1990

Dear Richard,

EAST GERMAN ELECTION

The Prime Minister wants to send an early message of congratulations to Chancellor Kohl on the outcome of the East German election (she will also, of course, send one to Herr de la Maziere). I enclose her message and should be grateful if you would telegraph it to Bonn for immediate delivery.

Yours sincerely,


CHARLES POWELL

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PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
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THE PRIME MINISTER

19 March 1990

Yesterday's free elections in East Germany were a great day for the people of Germany and for Europe - and the result is a tremendous victory for the centre-right. I know how hard you personally worked for that outcome, and it is the greatest possible credit to you. I send you my warm congratulations - and look forward to seeing you next week.

His Excellency Dr. Helmut Kohl