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From the Private Secretary

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Dear Rued.

ANGLO-GERMAN SUMMIT

Thank you for your letter of 26 March about the arrangements for the Anglo-German Summit.

There is no problem about bringing Herr Klein. The Prime Minister would not expect him to be present at the tête-a-tête discussion, but he would be very welcome at the Konigswinter dinner, and the plenary talks and lunch on 30 March. Bernard Ingham will be away that day, so he will not be able to see him during the tête-a-tête.

In view of the kerfuffle about the Prime Minister's Spiegel interview we better go out of our way to be helpful to the Germans on the other points. That means admitting the Private Secretaries to sit in a sort of back row in the Cabinet Room during the plenary session. It would be helpful to have a full list of names as soon as possible. We can also accommodate Herr Neuer and Herr Bitterlich in a room at No.10 during the morning and include them in the plenary. But we should demonstrate exemplary self-restraint on our own side by limiting participation to one official for each Minister (it would no doubt make the point even more clearly if we had none, but I do not insist on that).

We will get the Prime Minister to Cambridge in time to meet Chancellor Kohl at 1830. There is no objection to Chancellor Kohl giving separate interviews after the Press Conference. But Bernard Ingham's advice is that the Prime Minister should not do this, so she will return direct to No.10 and await the Chancellor there.

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


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