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From the Private Secretary

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ANGLO-GERMAN SUMMIT

I had a talk this afternoon with Peter Hartmann about the Anglo-German Summit. We agreed the agenda set out in Richard Gozney's letter of 22 March. I do not think that our discussion turned up any real surprises or any particular points of difficulty. The only new thought, at least to me, was that the Germans are still casting around for some way to take forward work in the Community on political union/institutional reform without having a separate IGC at this stage, and have fastened on the idea of a new Dooce committee. Apparently they have had some preliminary discussions on this with the French.

We worked through the speaking note on unification for the press conference. I enclose a revised version which Hartmann has taken away to Bonn in the expectation of being able to agree. As you will see, it bears obvious marks in places of having been translated from the original German. The only contentious sentence is that in square brackets at the end of the seventh tiret. I insisted that this went further than we could accept. He said it simply had to be in, otherwise people would say that the FRG had changed its policy. It would be helpful to have views on this, and indeed on the text as a whole. If it is agreed, I would envisage that the Prime Minister would read it out at the press conference.

Hartmann touched very briefly, and right at the end of our talk, on the Spiegel interview. I told him of the line we had taken with the press.

Hartmann asked whether one of the Chancellor's sons, Peter Kohl, could be included in the lunch. I said that there was no problem with this.

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LINE ON GERMAN UNIFICATION

- We warmly welcomed the successful holding of free and democratic elections in the GDR, and the expression of the democratic will of the people of the GDR to seek unification with the Federal Republic.
- We confirmed that the internal aspects of unification are a matter for the FRG and GDR. We both want consideration of the external aspects to proceed as quickly as possible by means of meetings at Foreign Minister level, in line with the agreements reached in Ottawa.
- We share the objective of completing the Two plus Four talks by the time of the CSCE Summit, by the end of this year.
- We agreed that Poland should be invited to these talks as soon as questions which particularly affect its borders are discussed.
- We welcomed the fact that Poland's western border will be settled by means of a binding Treaty between a united Germany and Poland.
- We reaffirmed that close consultations about questions connected with German unification would also continue with partners and allies in the European Community and the North Atlantic Alliance, so that the consequences of unification for other countries can be taken into account.
- We reaffirmed our joint view that a united Germany should be a member of NATO - which will remain essential for Europe's security - and that forces of NATO allies should continue to be stationed on West German territory. We agreed that transitional military arrangements will need to be negotiated for the present territory of the GDR. [We do not

envisage that NATO units and installations would move forward into this area.]

- We both support a rapid conclusion of the Vienna negotiations on the reduction of conventional forces, and the signature of an agreement this year.
- We also agreed on the aim of further development of the CSCE process which should strengthen democracy and human rights and provide a forum within which East and West can discuss security and confidence-building in Europe.
- We agreed that the EC Summit on 28 April should set in train the necessary preparations within the Community for transitional arrangements consequential upon the inclusion of the GDR in the European Community.
- We hope that the European Summit will reaffirm the Community's readiness to envisage closer relations with Eastern European countries which demonstrate their commitment to economic and political reform.