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Don Charles.

Anglo-German Summit *into cap?*

Thank you for your letter of 27 March. The Foreign Secretary is content with the proposed line on German unification, with the exception of the words in square brackets.

He agrees that this phrase goes further than we could accept. As drafted, it would appear to rule out the deployment of NATO forces in the former GDR even in wartime. Any statement along these lines would also have the effect of foreclosing the possibility that the Genscher/Stoltenberg statement could in due course be reinterpreted so as to apply only to the transitional period. The Foreign Secretary therefore agrees that we should continue to resist incorporation of this phrase, on the grounds that the previous sentence covers the German position without prejudicing ours.

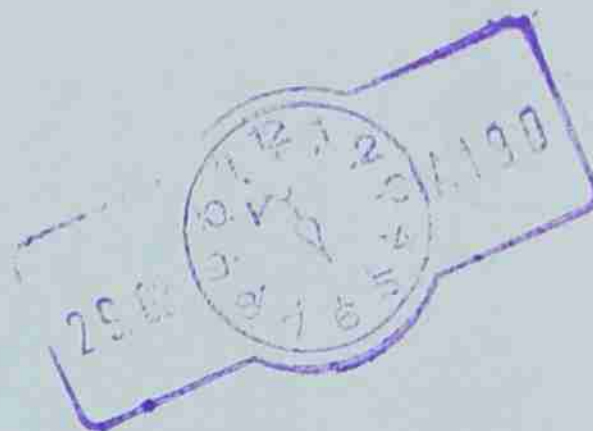
If the Germans insist on something extra, we could offer them a sentence on the following lines "We agree that transitional military arrangements will need to be negotiated for the present territory of the GDR, taking into account the security interests of all countries concerned, including the Soviet Union" (another variant would be "appropriate military arrangements" instead of "transitional"). If the Germans pressed very hard on this point, a final fall-back might be a sentence on the lines "German membership of NATO need not entail moving non-German [last ditch: NATO] forces into this area in peacetime". This would not rule out anything that has not already in practice been conceded.

The proposal for a new Dooce Committee is a French vehicle for carrying forward work on non-EMU institutional questions to be discussed probably as part of a separate IGC. The French have approached the Dutch, who are on board and, as you will have seen from our record, M. Dumas raised the issue with the Secretary of State in Paris yesterday.

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Dear Charles,

Anglo-German Summit: English Language Training Initiative for the GDR

We said in our briefing letter of 27 March that we would revert to the question of an English Language Teaching initiative for the GDR which the Prime Minister could launch at the Anglo-German Summit. The Chief Secretary in his letter of 29 March to the Foreign Secretary has now approved the extension of the Know How Fund to the GDR, making this initiative possible.

The Prime Minister might mention to Chancellor Kohl that we are launching this initiative in response to enormous demand in the GDR where people want to replace Russian with English as the principal second language. We will pay particular attention to the needs of technical and business people in framing the initiative.

At the Press Conference, the Prime Minister may care to say a few words about this on the following lines:

A / "I am ^{pleased} ~~delighted~~ to announce an important English Language Training initiative for the GDR funded by Britain. There is a great need for English language skills as the GDR adapts to the Western economic system. We are happy to help meet this need. This is one of many areas where ~~British~~ ^{British} skills have much to offer in the re-building of East Germany's economy. (B

I was especially pleased that I was able to tell Chancellor Kohl of this at my meeting with him earlier today".

A draft press release is attached.

I am copying this letter to Carys Evans (HMT), Neil Thornton (DTI), Steven Crowne (DES) and Sonia Phippard (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever,

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