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Dear Charles,

Scholarships for the GDR

Thank you for your letter of 30 March asking what plans we have to give substance to the commitment which the Prime Minister gave at the Anglo-German Summit, that we would provide perhaps 50 scholarships for the GDR.

We already have a modest programme of FCO scholarships for the GDR worth £40,000. During his visit to the GDR in January, the Foreign Secretary announced 32 additional scholarships jointly funded with a number of polytechnics in the UK. In order to finance the Prime Minister's commitment to offer extra scholarships, we propose to draw on the Know How Fund. It would probably be difficult to find 50 extra scholars of the right calibre for the academic year which begins in September. So we will aim to find an extra 20 this academic year (making at least 50 in all, with the existing provision) and an extra 30 next year.

We therefore aim in principle to offer a total of 50 new scholarships for a maximum period of one year at a total extra cost of approximately £500,000. Shorter periods of study and/or practical attachments would also be possible. We will give priority to the scientific, industrial and financial sectors. We shall look at openings for using the scholarships in conjunction with consultancy visits under the Know How Fund to reinforce the introduction of British expertise in selected areas.

The Prime Minister also announced an English Language Training (ELT) initiative for the GDR in the course of the Summit. The British Council will be mounting an early mission to the GDR to work out proposals for this, targetted very much on the needs of business, professional and technical people. To ensure that something visible happens soon, the British Council will organise a summer school this year for a group of teachers of English from the GDR.

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Prime Minister

The follow-up
to your announcement
at the Anglo-
German
Summit.

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I am copying this letter to Carys Evans (Chief Secretary's Office), Martin Stanley (DTI), Stephen Crowne (DES) and Sonia Phippard (Cabinet Office).

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