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From the Private Secretary

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GERMAN UNIFICATION

The Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary had a word this morning about Bonn telegram No. 634 which reports indications that the Germans may consider speeding up unification so that it happens before the external consequences have been settled in the Two Plus Four process. They agreed that this would be undesirable and that the Foreign Secretary should stress to Genscher at the weekend the importance of allowing the Two Plus Four process to reach an orderly conclusion. It would be very undesirable to have the question of Four-Power rights still unresolved after unification had taken place. We should take early steps to find out whether there had been any discussion of this between Chancellor Kohl and President Bush in Washington.

The Foreign Secretary reported that Herr Genscher would like to pay a further visit to London and see the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister said she would be happy to see him.

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