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From the Private Secretary

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Prime Minister

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Dear Stephen,

EUROPEAN COUNCIL

I have finally managed to track down Herr Teltschik this evening to talk about the European Council (he was tied up with the Franco-German Summit all day). As usual, he knew very little about it.

I asked about the Kohl/Mitterrand meeting. Teltschik said there were no surprises. They would both be seeking a thorough discussion at the European Council of Chancellor Kohl's proposal for financial assistance to the Soviet Union. But he did not seem to expect a definitive outcome.

I said that we very much hoped to have Chancellor Kohl's full support for easing sanctions on South Africa. The Chancellor and the Prime Minister had, from the beginning, taken a clear and agreed line with President de Klerk. He had progressed enormously towards fulfilling his side of the bargain. Now we had to respond - indeed, the United Kingdom had already done so. Teltschik said that Chancellor Kohl and President Mitterrand had discussed this over lunch and it had been clear that Mitterrand was not willing yet to see any easing of sanctions, although the Chancellor had made great efforts to convince him. Teltschik continued that the Chancellor's staff had put to him a paper spelling out all the things we had asked of de Klerk and showing what he had actually done, from which one could only draw the conclusion that he had indeed met most of our demands. He thought the Chancellor would be arguing at Dublin for easing the measures, although there seemed unlikely to be full agreement. It might be a good idea for the Prime Minister to have a word with him fairly early on. I said that, if there was not full agreement, we might go for a declaration which left it for each member state to decide which measures to lift and when to lift them. Teltschik said that he would not himself be in Dublin: we should put these thoughts direct to the Chancellor.

I asked Teltschik whether the Germans expected the question of Delors' re-appointment to come up in Dublin. Had they any thought of putting forward Bangemann to succeed him? Teltschik said that he had no reason to think that the Chancellor intended to propose Bangemann. There had been no discussion of the matter.

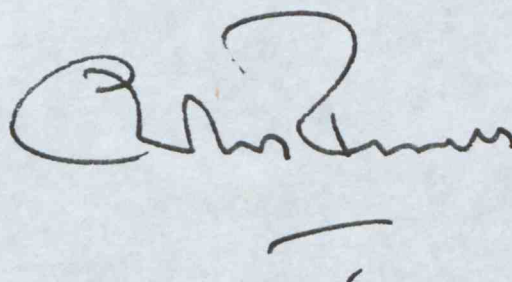
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Teltschik said he would very much like to hear our views on the American draft for the NATO Summit declaration. Since he would not himself be in Dublin, he wondered whether I could explain our views to Peter Hartmann. My impression is that the Germans are fairly content with the American draft.

Yours sincerely,



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