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PRIME MINISTER

MEETING WITH THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR

You are seeing the German Ambassador tomorrow to mark the day of German unification. You have sent Chancellor Kohl a message, which will be delivered by our Ambassador in Bonn.

Press and television will be present when you receive the Ambassador. I attach a note from Bernard which suggests that you say a few words in front of the cameras as you stand with the Ambassador.

In any subsequent conversation, which need only be brief, you might:

- ask about the judgement of the Constitutional Court and its implications (telegram attached);
- sound a warning about attempts to use the forthcoming European Council to force through premature decisions on EMU (there is a relevant report in the hot box);
- suggest that you and Chancellor Kohl might meet in Rome on Saturday, 27 October before the Council starts (you have not had a bilateral for several months).

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C. D. POWELL
2 OCTOBER 1990

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The key is to get in
the words
"friend, ally & partner"

STATEMENT ON THE RE-UNIFICATION OF GERMANY

(if you can bear it). Otherwise
a message risks being

You agreed to say a few words on the re-unification of
Germany during the photocall when the West German Ambassador calls
on you on Wednesday at 14.30.

judged negatively, which

I attach a draft which you may care to draw on. We will
ensure that no questions are asked (ie that it is a
straight-forward photocall). Representatives of the German and
British media will be present.

undermines the only purpose
of the exercise.

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for BERNARD INGHAM
October 2, 1990

STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER FOR GERMAN TELEVISION

- We welcome the fact that Germany is being unified in the best possible way: democratically, in freedom, and as a member of the Western Alliance and European Community.
- Britain is glad to have played a full part in the 2+4 negotiations which resolved the external aspects of German unification and paved the way for full German sovereignty.
- This was the culmination of our role as one of the Four Powers in the post-War period, helping to reconstruct and defend a free, democratic Germany. We are particularly proud of our role in defending Berlin. At the request of the German Government, we are maintaining a British military presence in Berlin, while Soviet forces remain on German soil.
- German unification takes place in a Europe that is rapidly changing for the better. A unified Germany will have an important role to play in this new Europe and in the wider world. We will be working with Germany as a friend, ally and partner, as we have with the Federal Republic for over 40 years.
- We pay tribute to the people of Eastern Germany, who demanded and won freedom and democracy, and to the people of West Germany, who have helped them to achieve it.