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From the Private Secretary

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Dear Christopher,

PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING WITH CHANCELLOR KOHL

The Prime Minister has invited Chancellor Kohl to have talks at Chequers on Sunday 9 June. The talks will start at Chequers at 11 a.m., go through lunch and finish at about 1500. There was some question of whether Mrs Kohl would come but she will not now do so. I do not yet know which officials will accompany the Chancellor but Walter Neuer mentioned Hartmann, himself and Bitterlich.

I discussed with Neuer the attendance of Ambassadors. For the usual coalition reasons, Chancellor Kohl does not want his Ambassador to be present. Equally, if Christopher Mallaby is there then the German Ambassador has to be there too. Neuer made it clear that Chancellor Kohl would therefore much prefer no Ambassadors and I think we have no choice but to accept this if the talks are to take place in the right atmosphere. I hope Christopher Mallaby will understand.

I should be grateful if the Department could let me have early advice on arrival/departure times for Chancellor Kohl and on transport arrangements. I presume Chancellor Kohl will be flying to Heathrow or Northolt. Could we helicopter him to Chequers and back?

I should be grateful if the information in this letter could be telegraphed to the Embassy in Bonn.

Jans,
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