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From the Private Secretary

26 March 1984

ANGLO/GERMAN SUMMIT: 2 MAY

Thank you for your letter of 14 March in which you ask whether the Prime Minister would be content for the Summit to be held in London rather than at Chequers.

We have considered this carefully but am inclined to think that, subject to satisfactory arrangements over numbers, it will be more convenient for the Summit to take place at Chequers. We have in mind, in particular, that Chancellor Kohl is to deliver a lecture at Oxford University after the Summit (and I confirm that the Prime Minister will attend the lecture, though not the dinner which will follow it). It will be very much more convenient to go to Oxford from Chequers than from central London.

I quite take the point about the travelling time of other Ministers who will be involved. We are inclined to meet this point by arranging for all the bilateral meetings to take place at Chequers. The Ministers concerned would then be able to stay on for the plenary and lunch and leave after the joint press conference which will follow the lunch. To achieve this, however, it is desirable that there should be no more than three bilateral meetings in addition to the bilateral between the two principals. It will also be important that officials accompanying their Ministers for bilaterals are again very limited in number. It will be necessary for a lunch for officials to be arranged at a nearby hotel.

It may be that this arrangement would necessitate more reduced Ministerial participation than we would ideally like but on balance it seems the best solution.

Incidentally, of course, the whole German team could then arrive at, and leave from, RAF Benson.

I should be glad to know whether you think that the above arrangement is workable. If so, perhaps you could kindly let me have a revised draft programme.

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On a separate point, as I told you on the telephone, I believe that the arrangements for the lecture are being handled by Dr. L. Eling of 21 Suffolk Street, SW1 (839 2843). I hope that the Department are in touch with him (I have not been myself).

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PRIME MINISTER

Anglo-German Summit: 2 May

There is one point about the above which it would be helpful to settle now, namely whether it should take place at No.10 or at Chequers. 2 May is a Wednesday.

The particular complication is that at 1800 hours on 2 May Chancellor Kohl is to deliver the Adenauer Memorial Lecture in Oxford. You said earlier that you would attend.

I think it would be more convenient for you and the Chancellor if the Summit took place at Chequers which would give you a comparatively short car journey to Oxford.

But there is the question of the other Ministers, both British and German. If, as usual, they hold their bilateral talks in London and then come down to Chequers for the plenary they will spend a great deal of time travelling. I think we can get round this if you are prepared to allow the individual Ministers to conduct their own bilaterals in the various rooms at Chequers. We would try to keep the number of Ministers down and would insist that accompanying officials be very limited in number. The officials could all be taken off for lunch to a restaurant.

Would you therefore be content to have the Summit at Chequers?

Yes - but see above

Chancellor Kohl is staying on to dinner in Oxford as guest of honour of the Vice Chancellor. But since you have Questions and Cabinet on the next day I suggest that you come back to London after the lecture. Agree?

Yes not

23 March 1984

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Anglo-German Summit: 2 May

You wrote on 18 November 1983 about the arrangements for the next Anglo-German Summit. I write now to ask if the Prime Minister would be content for the Summit to be held in London rather than at Chequers.

We held our first meeting with the Germans on 8 March to plan logistics. It was evident that it will be difficult to make satisfactory arrangements for Ministers other than the Prime Minister, Dr Kohl and Foreign Ministers, if the Summit is confined to a single day at Chequers. The German Ministers (apart from Herr Genscher) would spend much of their time travelling - Northolt to London for talks with their British opposite numbers; London to Chequers for the plenary; and Chequers to Northolt for the return flight to Germany.

Why Northolt?

It would be impossible for Count Lambsdorff, the Economics Minister, who will wish to meet three British Ministers (Mr Tebbit, Mr Walker and Mr Lawson) to accomplish three meetings, the plenary and travelling in a single day. We therefore suggested to the Germans that he might arrive on 1 May to allow time for meetings with his three British interlocutors. Our Embassy in Bonn have now reported that this will not be possible.

The convenience of Count Lambsdorff and other German Ministers is not of course the decisive consideration in arranging the Prime Minister's meeting with Dr Kohl, who appreciates the informality and quiet of Chequers. But the Prime Minister welcomed Kohl's suggestion at their meeting on 28 February that he might come over to Chequers sometime this autumn. The German Embassy anticipate that in the circumstances the Chancellor would be content for the Spring Summit to be held in London. The Chancellor will be travelling to Oxford afterwards to deliver the Adenauer Memorial Lecture.

If this alternative is acceptable to the Prime Minister the arrangements for 2 May could be revised as follows:

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- 0930 - Chancellor Kohl arrives at Northolt, met by the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary;
- 1010 - Arrive at No 10;
- 1015 - Tête-à-tête talks between the Prime Minister and Dr Kohl;
- 1115 - Talks continue, joined by Foreign Ministers;
- 1215 - Plenary;
- 1300 - Lunch;
- 1430 - Lunch ends;
- 1440 - Joint Press Conference (No 12 Downing Street is a possibility);
- 1530 - Joint Press Conference ends;
- 1545 - Chancellor Kohl leaves by road for Oxford;
- 1715 - Chancellor arrives at Oxford;
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- 1800 - - Chancellor Kohl delivers Adenauer Memorial Lecture in the Examinations Hall;
- 1900 - Chancellor Kohl dines as Guest of Honour of the Vice-Chancellor of the University in Hertford College;
- 2030 - Chancellor Kohl leaves Oxford;
- 2100 - Chancellor Kohl leaves RAF Brize Norton.

The Germans have asked if it is the Prime Minister's intention to attend Chancellor Kohl's lecture at Oxford (I enquired about this in my letter to you of 31 October).

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