



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Dear Charles,

Forthcoming Bilateral Summits with the FRG, France and Italy

Thank you for your letters of 25 and 29 January and 21 March about arrangements for the Prime Minister's meeting with Chancellor Kohl at Chequers on 18 May. Perhaps in this reply it would be useful to touch on the next Anglo-French and Anglo-Italian Summits.

The FRG

In view of pressure on diaries and the Prime Minister's visit to Bonn at the beginning of May for the Economic Summit, the Foreign Secretary suggests that she should regard her meeting with Chancellor Kohl on 18 May as the Anglo-German Spring Summit. He does not think it would be necessary to invite Kohl and a larger team (Foreign, Defence, Finance and Trade Ministers) to visit the UK on another date. We might aim for such a full-scale Summit on schedule in October/November in Bonn if the Germans are ready to regard the Chancellor's meeting as substituting for our normal Spring Summit. Our informal soundings of German officials suggest that Kohl is likely to be content with this. If the Prime Minister agrees, our Embassy in Bonn could now confirm these arrangements to the Federal Chancellery. The German Foreign Office anticipate that Genscher will wish to accompany Kohl. This is obviously for the Germans to raise, but if they do so I presume the Prime Minister would wish us to agree.

Prime Minister's Dinner for Chancellor Kohl

I enclose a draft guest list as requested in your letter of 21 March. I assume that the Prime Minister envisages a total of 24 people. The guest list is based on suggestions by Sir Julian Bullard and assumes that Genscher will attend. The Prime Minister herself suggested Lord Dacre but we wonder if he is in fact the best choice from the academic world. Lord Dacre was in the headlines here and in Germany last year after he 'authenticated' the Hitler Diaries which appeared in 'Stern' and which were quickly proved to be a forgery. The Foreign Secretary suggests instead Professor Walter Laqueur, whose recent book 'Germany today' has been respectfully reviewed in Germany. Professor Laqueur is one of the greatest living authorities on German and Russo-German history.

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France

It will also be necessary soon to decide on a date in the autumn for the next Anglo-French bilateral summit, and to put this to the French. As the year draws to a close President Mitterrand will be heavily preoccupied with preparations for the 1986 legislative elections. He is likely to favour a date in October or early November rather than later. Are you in a position to propose dates?

Italy

The last Summit held in London was October 1984. We have told the Italians we do not want a full-scale Bilateral Summit before the Summer break. It is now for them to propose dates in the autumn.

*Yours ever,
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DRAFT GUEST LIST

Dinner to be held in honour of:

The Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany at Chequers

on: 18 May 1985

at (time):

Host: The Prime Minister

Deptl Contact: Mr G Anderson

Tel No: 233 3648

Total No of Guests proposed: 24

	Name, Title and Decorations	Address	Reason for Invitation
1	The Prime Minister		Host
2	H.E. Dr Helmut Kohl		Guest of Honour
3	Herr Horst)		Officials accompanying Dr Kohl
4	Teltschik) Dr Walter Neuer)		
5	The Rt Hon Sir Geoffrey Howe QC MP & Lady Howe		Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
7	Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher		FRG Foreign Minister who may accompany Dr Kohl
8	Sir Edwin Bramall GCB and Lady Bramall	Rm 6173, MOD Main Building Whitehall London SW1 Tel.218 2116	Chief of Defence Staff. Visited Germany in March.
10	*Prof. Walter Laqueur & *Mrs Laqueur	4 Devonshire St London W1 Tel. 636 7247	Director of the Institute of Contemporary History. Expert on German and Russo-German history.

	Name, Title and Decorations	Address	Reason for Invitation
12	* Mr Timothy Garton Ash <i>and Mrs Garton Ash</i>	The Times	Specialist in German affairs
14	Herr Guenter Steffens and Frau Steffens	German Chamber of Industry & Commerce Suffolk St London SW1 Tel. 930 7251	Chairman
16	Sir Austin Pearce CBE and Lady Pearch	British Aerospace 100 Pall Mall London SW1 Tel. 930 1020	Chairman of British Aerospace which is UK partner in Airbus consortium
18	H.E. Baron Ruediger Von Wechmar and Baroness Von Wechmar	Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany 22 Belgrave Square London SW1 Tel. 235 5033	FRG Ambassador
20	*H.E. Sir Julian Bullard KCMG and *Lady Bullard	c/o FCO	HM Ambassador at Bonn
22	*Sir Norman Statham KCMG and *Lady Statham	11 Underhill Park Rd Reigate Surrey Tel. 074 44514	Special Representative for Anglo-German Relations
24	*Mr Charles Powell	No. 10 Downing St	Private Secretary. Has served in Bonn.

* British guest who speaks German

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FULL NAME, TITLE AND DECORATIONS	Mr Anderson, tel no. 233 3648 of WED, FCO can provide details of addresses and phone numbers as required	REASON FOR INVITATION
<p>1. The Rt Hon Neil Kinnock MP and Mrs Kinnock</p> <p>2. The Rt Hon David Owen MP and Mrs Owen</p> <p>3. The Rt Hon David Steel MP and Mrs Steel</p> <p>4. Mr John Selwyn Gummer MP and Mrs Gummer</p> <p>5. Sir Antony Acland KCMG, KCVO</p> <p><u>OR</u> Mr Derek Thomas CMG and Mrs Thomas</p> <p>6. Professor Michael Howard, CBE</p> <p>7. Professor Raymond Carr and Mrs Carr</p>		<p>Led group of conservative MPs at CDU/Conservatives meeting in Bonn last November</p> <p>PUS, FCO</p> <p>Political Director, FCO</p> <p>Professor of modern history, Oriel College, Oxford. Specialist on international, including German affairs.</p> <p>St Antony's College, Oxford, the centre of German studies in Britain.</p>

8. Professor Hedley Bull and Mrs Bull	<p>Professor of International Relations, Balliol College, Oxford. Specialist in international affairs (especially arms control)</p>
9. Lord Weidenfeld	<p>Has wide and numerous contacts in FRG.</p>
10. Sir Alec Guinness CBE and Lady Guinness	<p>Awarded Shakespeare 1985 (given annually by SVS foundation in Hamburg to a British citizen for contribution to European cultural heritage).</p>
11. Dr Barbara Beck and Mr Ian Coulter	<p>Secretary General of Anglo-German Foundation for the Study of Industrial Society (promotes Anglo German cooperation and seminars). Husband, Mr Coulter is a journalist.</p>

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