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Prime Minister

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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The Germans will abstain on Falklands.

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Dear Charles, CDP 26/xi

Anglo-German Summit, 27 November

The German Embassy informed us this afternoon that Kohl intended to raise three additional points with the Prime Minister:

[The Germans often raise this but can be headed off. It would be hugely expensive]

- (a) the FRG's wish to have German accepted, in addition to English and French, as one of the languages officially approved for use in European Political Cooperation (EPC);
- (b) Mitterrand's offers concerning the European Fighter Aircraft (EFA) and the French National Programme (Rafale);
- (c) the NATO Foreign Ministers meeting planned for 12-13 December, and the need to coordinate Alliance strategy after Geneva.

I attach the brief prepared for the Foreign Secretary which covers (inter alia) the use of German in EPC.

The EFA point is covered adequately in the steering brief.

We see the NATO Ministerial as an opportunity to demonstrate solidarity with the United States following the Geneva Summit. At the same time we should project an image of cohesion and consistency in the management of East/West and arms control issues. Without raising expectations too high, we should demonstrate readiness to take opportunities for real progress. The Germans will be keen to sustain the momentum generated by the Summit.

On Falklands/Argentina we have now heard that the Germans will abstain on the Argentine draft resolution, and vote in favour of our amendments.

There have been two last minute changes in the German delegation. I attach up-dated lists:

- Annex A: Official German delegation
- Annex B: attendance at Plenary Session
- Annex C: Guest list for the Prime Minister's lunch.

You will see that Dr Rudolf Morawitz replaces Dr Waldemar Mueller-Thuns (Ministry of Economics), and Dr Alonis Jelonek

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replaces Dr Juergen Trumpf (Foreign Ministry),

I am copying this letter to Richard Mottram (Ministry of Defence) and Matthew Cocks (Department of Trade and Industry).

*Yours ever,*

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ANGLO/GERMAN SUMMIT: 27 NOVEMBER:

SECRETARY OF STATE'S MEETING WITH HERR GENSCHER:

EUROPEAN POLITICAL COOPERATION (EPC) TREATY

Objective

1. To agree that EPC Treaty should go to Luxembourg European Council for final decisions.

2. To express sympathy for German concern that German should be used at Ministerial level meetings but discourage them from insisting on use of German throughout EPC.

Line to Take

1. Note wide measure of agreement. Should agree Treaty and subsidiary documents at Luxembourg.

2. Understand all now agree on small Secretariat for EPC. Must be right. Avoid new bureaucracy.



3. (If raised) Quite understand your concern about languages. Of course Ministers must use their own language at EPC meetings. As now, interpretation in all EC languages.

4. But EPC impossible at working level if all nine EC languages used.

- Would require vast Secretariat
- Expense
- Quick reactions impossible
- Underline European diversity
- Exact opposite of Treaty aim to further European identity in international affairs.

Urge you not to insist.

#### Essential Facts

Now that the original Franco-German proposals for an EPC "Secretariat-General" have been overtaken by the French draft "Act of Union" (to which the Germans are not a party), we are foursquare with the FRG on the EPC Treaty. But Chancellor Kohl has warned Sir J Bullard that he intends to insist that German should become one of the working languages in EPC. At present there is interpretation into all languages at EPC Ministerial



meetings. But texts are in English or French only: partners make their own translations. And at official level all work in EPC is done in either French or English. Apart from the Germans all the non-English or French speakers recognise that this arrangement is essential if EPC is to work at all. The Germans must realise this: they are presumably sabre-rattling for wider purposes.

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PROPOSED ATTENDANCE AT PLENARY SESSION

UK

Prime Minister

Sir Geoffrey Howe

Mr. Heseltine

Mr. Channon

Sir Julian Bullard  
(Ambassador to Bonn)

Mr. Derek Thomas  
(DUS/FCO)

Mr. David Nicholls  
(DUS/MOD)

Mr. Nigel Brecknell  
(US/DTI)

Mr. David Williamson  
(DUS, Cabinet Office)

Mr. C.D. Powell

Mr. Bernard Ingham

Mr. David Dain

FRG

Chancellor Kohl

Herr Genscher

Dr. Woerner

Herr Schlecht

Herr Horst Teltschik (Deputy  
Secretary, Kanzleramt)

Dr. Gerold von Braunmuehl (Deputy  
Secretary, Foreign Ministry)

Dr. Karl-Helmut Schnell (Deputy  
Secretary, Ministry of Defence)

Dr. Waldemar Mueller-Thuns (Deputy  
Secretary, Ministry of Economy)

Baron Rudiger von Wechmar  
(FRG Ambassador)

Plus a maximum of four officials

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PROPOSED GUEST LIST FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S LUNCH

UK

Prime Minister  
Sir Geoffrey Howe  
Mr. Heseltine  
Sir Brian Hayes (PUS/DTI)  
Sir Clive Whitmore  
(PUS/MOD)  
Sir Julian Bullard  
(Ambassador to Bonn)  
Mr. Derek Thomas  
(DUS, FCO)  
Mr. David Williamson  
(DUS, Cabinet Office)  
Mr. Charles Powell  
(PS/No.10)  
Mr. Bernard Ingham  
(Press Secretary/No.10)

FRG

Chancellor Kohl  
Herr Genscher  
Dr. Woerner  
Herr Schlecht  
Dr. Karl-Helmut Schnell (Deputy  
Secretary, Ministry of Defence)  
Herr Horst Teltschik (Deputy  
Secretary, Kanzleramt)  
Baron von Wechmar (FRG  
Ambassador)  
Dr. Gerold von Braunmuehl (Deputy  
Secretary, Foreign Ministry)  
Dr. Waldemar Mueller-Thuns (Deputy  
Secretary, Ministry of Economics)  
Dr. Walter Neuer (Assistant  
Secretary, Kanzleramt)  
Dr. Jelonek  
Herr Ost  
Dr. Witte  
Herr Ruehle  
General Oppermann  
Dr. Schomerus

Grimm

Powell

Nicholls

Brecknell

Channon

Heseltine

Prime Minister

Howe

Bullard

Thomas

Williamson

Ingham

Oppermann

Schnell

Mueller-Thuns

Schlecht

Woerner

Kohl

Genscher

von Wechmar

Teltschik

Braunmuehl

Hartmann

Dain

Bitterlich