

PRIME MINISTER

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Königswinter Conference

I attach:-

- (a) a message from you to the Königswinter Conference which will be read out, if you agree, by Sir Frank Roberts at the beginning of the Conference; and
- (b) a draft text for the speech which you will be giving at the Königswinter dinner on Friday 28 March.

The speech should take between 15-20 minutes to deliver which is the allotted time. Its theme is change in Anglo/German relations and in Europe generally. This is intended to reflect the theme of the Conference which is "New Demands on Europe". There is a brief reference to the budget problem. (The speech has been drafted in the FCO on the basis of an outline which I provided. I have tightened it up and shortened it somewhat but have not changed it radically.)

It would be helpful to have your agreement to the message and your preliminary comments on the draft speech.

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~~Prime Minister,~~

~~An FCO draft speech, personality notes and past themes of the Conference are also now enclosed.~~

24 March 1980

~~ABJ,  
Duty Clerk  
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15 April 1980

Your letter to me of 4 April about the Prime Minister's speech to the Königswinter Conference seems to have been delayed over the Easter holiday as it only reached me yesterday.

I enclose the text of the Prime Minister's speech as issued by our press department here. It does not include every aside made by the Prime Minister but is accurate as regards the substance of the text. I see no need to wait for the tape.

We have received the final version of the Chancellor's speech from the German Embassy.

MICHAEL ALEXANDER

Sir Frank Roberts, G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O.

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