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Bonn, 20 January 1978

Mr President,
Dear Jimmy,

First, many thanks for the message you sent me in December 1977. I am delighted to learn from it that you intend to come for a visit to the Federal Republic two days before the summit meeting.

Today I am sending identical messages to all heads of State or Government who participated in the last summit meetings and who I hope will also attend the next one.

I feel we are all convinced of the value of these meetings, especially in view of the still difficult circumstances in which the world economy finds itself. This should also be true of another meeting in 1978, at which I would gladly be your host in Bonn. At the moment somewhere about mid-July would seem to be the most suitable time, but we should make the final decision dependent on the results of the preparatory work of our personal representatives. We should therefore wait until April/May.

If you agree, I suggest that we now place the preparations in the hands of our personal representatives. My representative, Dr Hiss, would then make contact with his colleagues.

Yours sincerely,
Helmut Schmidt

His Excellency
Mr James Earl Carter,
President of the
United States of America,
Washington, D.C.

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