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MEMORANDUM

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TO: THE PRIME MINISTER

FROM: SIR ANTHONY ROYLE

Prior to our meeting on Wednesday, I thought you should know that it is now likely that Chancellor Kohl and Dr. Strauss will not be able to arrive in London in time for the lunch that you are hosting on Friday 24th June, since they have an important political engagement that morning in Nuremburg. They will be arriving in time for the formal ceremony to launch the International Democrat Union that afternoon, and will be staying for dinner that evening.

Both the afternoon session and the dinner are now becoming important occasions. As you will see from the enclosed programme it is intended that the International Democrat Union will be launched at 3 o'clock on the Friday afternoon, with short speeches from the principle leaders, and will be covered by television and the media generally. Vice-President Bush and Chancellor Kohl will be speaking for the Republican Party and the CDU respectively. The dinner, at 7.30 for 8.00 o'clock, is now being attended by all the leading participants, and Vice-President Bush has asked to make a ten minute speech at the end of the meal, in the form of a major statement on behalf of the US Administration; this will also be covered by the media.

In view of this, you may well wish to attend the dinner in the evening, as well as the launch of the counter-part to the Socialist International in the afternoon. It would not be necessary for you to say anything over dinner unless you wish to do so. We will, however, put together a draft for your brief speech during the formal launch ceremony.

I will, of course, be able to give you further details on Wednesday morning. In the meantime, I am enclosing a note of the main participants.

