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from Herr Helmut Schmidt
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to The Rt.Hon. Margaret Thatcher, MP
Her Majesty's Prime Minister and
First Lord of the Treasury

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Dear Prime Minister,

at the European Council in London on 26/27 November 1981 we reached, not least thanks to the intensive efforts you made as Chairman, far-reaching agreement on the questions regarding the mandate. Considering the complex nature of the problems, this was no mean success for the Community. At their two meetings since then our Foreign Ministers have also made good progress towards solving the questions that are still open.

We must now consolidate these achievements by definitively adopting the guidelines relating to the mandate. Otherwise I feel there will be the danger of a serious setback for the process of European unification and the Community's image in the world, and this at a time when the international situation requires more than ever before that we bring the political weight of the Community and its member states fully to bear in East-West relations and also in the Atlantic context.

I therefore hold the view that the Foreign Ministers should do whatever is necessary at their next meeting on 25 January to bring about consensus on the few questions that are still open. Now, two months after the European Council, this is probably our last opportunity to present the guidelines as the conclusions of last November's European Council. We must use this opportunity to show the public with these conclusions, especially at this juncture, that the Community intends and is indeed able to resolve its internal problems.

The actual details of the guidelines should be worked out by the Council in its subsequent deliberations.

I am writing to you because I feel that we must now exercise our personal influence so that the conclusions of the European Council will be adopted. I am sending a similar letter to President Mitterrand.

Yours sincerely,
(sgd.) Helmut Schmidt
Chancellor of the
Federal Republic of Germany