

MR POWELL

STATE VISIT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

The Prime Minister told me last night after the Audience that Chancellor Kohl had asked her whether it would be appropriate if he accompanied President Von Weizsaecker on his State Visit next year. The Prime Minister had been extremely noncommittal in reply but had clearly gained the impression that Chancellor Kohl was mightily anxious to get his share of the Royalty limelight.

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The Prime Minister spoke at one stage about sending a private message to Kohl, but wondered in the end whether it might not be better for her to speak to him when she next met him, eg. at a European Council.

Could I leave it to you to decide how best for the Prime Minister to convey this news to the Chancellor.

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~~Mr. Wicks~~

I am seeing HM
Ambassador, Bonn on
Friday and shall discuss
this with him. It's probably
better if he feeds in
the thought: he gets on
well with Kohl.
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