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21 March 1986

KOENIGSWINTER CONFERENCE 1986

Thank you for your letter of 20 March enclosing a draft message for the Prime Minister to send to the annual Koenigswinter Conference. We found your draft a bit limp. I enclose a message which the Prime Minister has signed. You may wish to show it to Sir Julian Bullard before despatch. I have not had time to check what immediately precedes and follows the Goethe quotation, to make sure there are no booby-traps!

(C. D. POWELL)

Colin Budd, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE 1986 KOENIGSWINTER
CONFERENCE

I am very pleased to welcome the 36th Koenigswinter Conference to the United Kingdom and to one of its most beautiful and historic cities. As always you have attracted distinguished participants from both Britain and Germany, who will maintain the high quality of Koenigswinter's discussions and conclusions.

Your agenda is traditionally modest! From the SDI to the inner cities, from majority voting in the European community to changing work patterns in industry you are tackling the problems with which our two Governments grapple every day. If by comparing the British and German experiences you can come up with new approaches to even a fraction of them, you will do us a great service. I would only remind you of the importance of finding ideas which are not just intellectually satisfying but ones which our people can believe in. You will remember Goethe's words: "Die Botschaft hör' ich wohl, allein mir fehlt der Glaube: I hear the message but I want the faith". I wish you every success.

Margaret Thatcher

March 1986

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PRIME MINISTER

KOENIGSWINTER CONFERENCE 1986

The Anglo/German Koenigswinter Conference is being held in Cambridge this year. You traditionally send a message as does Chancellor Kohl. Normally it is read out. This year it is to be printed and the organisers have asked for a slightly longer one.

I attach a draft message for your signature if you agree.

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Charles Powell

20 March 1986

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20 March 1986

Dear Charles,

Koenigswinter Conference 1986

/ It has been the tradition that the Prime Minister sends a short message of goodwill to the annual Koenigswinter Conferences. This year's conference will take place from 3-5 April in Cambridge. I enclose a copy of the agenda.

/ I enclose a draft message for the Prime Minister's consideration. In previous years messages were read out at the opening ceremony. This year however the organisers intend to print the messages, and circulate them to participants. They have therefore suggested a slightly longer message than in previous years. The Koenigswinter Steering Committee would like to receive it (if possible actually signed by the Prime Minister) by Tuesday 25 March.

Mr Kenneth Baker has accepted an invitation to act as host and speak at the government dinner on 4 April. Mrs Lynda Chalker also plans to attend the conference.

Yours ever,
Colin Budd

(C R Budd)
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
PS/10 Downing Street

DRAFT MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE 1986
KOENIGSWINTER CONFERENCE

I send you my very best wishes for this year's Koenigswinter Conference. Geoffrey Howe joins me in wishing you every success.

The challenges facing us in Europe this year should make your discussions particularly valuable. The agreement at the European Council in Luxembourg gave us new tools with which to fulfil the objectives of the Treaties in an enlarged Community. President Reagan's meeting with Mr Gorbachev in Geneva ^{has} kindled new hopes for cooperation between East and West. _^ This year Britain and Germany will be working especially closely within the European Community and the North Atlantic Alliance, as we look to build practical results on these achievements. In doing so we shall draw on the tradition of understanding and friendship between our peoples to which Koenigswinter has contributed so much.

THE 36th KÖNIGSWINTER CONFERENCE 1986

APRIL 3 - 5

**A NEW START OR
MORE OF THE SAME?**

**NEUER ANFANG ODER
ALTER TROTT?**

ST. CATHARINE'S COLLEGE
CAMBRIDGE

Please note that the plenary sessions will take place in the St. Chad Building; the groups will meet at St. Catharine's College.

TIMETABLE

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

- Appx 12.00 Arrival of British participants
- 12.30 Lunch in Hall
- 14.30-17.15 Opening Session
The themes of the study groups outlined by the introducers
- 18.00 Reception given by the German Ambassador, H.E. Baron Rüdiger von Wechmar, at Queens' College
- 19.30 Dinner in Hall
- 21.00 Reception at the Old Schools given by the Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University, Professor The Lord Adrian, MD, FRS

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

- 07.45-08.30 Breakfast
- 09.00 Start of group discussions
- 10.30 Break for coffee
- 11.00 Resumption of group discussions
- 12.30 Lunch
- 15.00 Resumption of group discussions
- 16.30 Break for tea
- 17.00-18.30 Resumption of group discussions
- 19.15 Reception given by the Master and Fellows of St. Catharine's College
- 20.00 Dinner in Hall, hosted by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Rt. Hon. Kenneth Baker, MP

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

- 07.45-08.15 Breakfast
- 09.00-12.30 Condensed reports on the work of the study groups, followed by plenary discussion and winding-up address
- 13.00 Luncheon
Conference ends

A NEW START OR MORE OF THE SAME? NEUER ANFANG ODER ALTER TROTT?

Group I

Europe in world politics

- The Super-powers: the Soviet Union after Gorbachov's first year and the 27th Party Congress; the United States in Reagan's second term.
- The weakening of domestic consensus within the NATO countries on defence and arms control; divergent interests and perceptions amongst NATO governments, e.g. over SDI.
- The positions of Europe, East and West, and the significance of the inner German relationship.
- Super-power rivalries in the Third World—European sermons or actions—e.g. in the Middle East, Southern Africa or Central America.

Europa in der Weltpolitik

- Die Supermächte: die Sowjetunion ein Jahr nach Gorbatschows Amtsantritt und nach dem 27. Parteitag; die Vereinigten Staaten in Reagans zweiter Amtszeit.
- Der bröckelnde Konsens in den NATO-Staaten in Sachen Verteidigungspolitik und Rüstungskontrolle; unterschiedliche Interessen und Ansichten zwischen den NATO-Regierungen (z.B. SDI).
- Westeuropa, Osteuropa und die Bedeutung der deutsch-deutschen Beziehungen.
- Die Rivalität der Supermächte in der Dritten Welt—Europa: Predigen oder Handeln? (z.B. Nahost, Südafrika, Mittelamerika).

Chairman: Stephan Thomas
Referent/Introducer: Walther Leisler Kiep
Berichterstatter/Rapporteur: Neal Ascherson

Group II

The European Community: new breadth and depth

- The impact of Spanish and Portuguese entry, e.g. financial complications, agricultural dilemmas, the Mediterranean context.
- Development and reform: plans and prospects, e.g. majority voting, parliamentary powers, institutionalising European Political Co-operation; a security role for the European Community.
- Tasks ahead: the reform of CAP, the completion of the Internal Market, organising technological co-operation, e.g. EUREKA.
- External problems: facing the American and Japanese challenges.

Die Europäische Gemeinschaft: Neue Dimensionen—Neue Komplikationen

- Die Auswirkungen des spanischen and portugiesischen Beitritts (Komplikationen im EG-Haushalt, Dilemma der Landwirtschafts-politik, Gewichtsverschiebung zum Mittelmeer).
- Weiterentwicklung und Reform—Pläne und Aussichten (z.B. Mehrheitsbeschlüsse; Kompetenzen des Europäischen Parlaments; Institutionalisierung der Europäischen Politischen Zusammenarbeit; europäische Sicherheitspolitik).
- Die nächsten Aufgaben: Reform der Landwirtschaftspolitik, Vollendung des Binnenmarktes, technologische Zusammenarbeit (z.B. EUREKA).
- Äußere Probleme: die amerikanische und die japanische Herausforderung.

Chairman: Christopher Tugendhat
Referent/Introducer: Robert Jackson, MP
Berichterstatter/Rapporteur: Angelika Volle

Group III

Dealing with disadvantage in regions and cities

- The decline of the old industries.
- Constitutional problems: power structure and allocation of resources.
- Regional disequilibria.
- Social tensions and alienation, e.g. integration of minorities, coping with violence, inner city decay.

Strukturelle Nachteile von Städten und Regionen

- Die Existenzkrise der alten Industrien.
- Verfassungsfragen (Machtstrukturen, Instanzenzüge, Mittelzuweisung).
- Regionale Ungleichgewichte.
- Gesellschaftliche Spannungen und Entfremdung (z.B. Integration von Minderheiten, Eindämmung der Gewalttätigkeit, Verfall der Innenstädte).

Chairman: Werner Holzer
Referent/Introducer: Matthias Wissmann
Berichterstatter/Rapporteur: Giles Radice, MP

Group IV

Getting to grips with unemployment

- Public policies and philosophies, e.g. privatisation, tax cuts, deregulation, official job creation schemes, subsidies.
- The role of education and training.
- High-technology—bane or boon? e.g. impact on the structure of employment.
- Changing work patterns, e.g. part-time work, female participation, early retirement, demographic factors.

Mit der Arbeitslosigkeit fertigwerden

- Programme und Ideologien in der Politik (z.B. Privatisierung, Steuersenkung, Deregulierung, öffentliche Beschäftigungsprogramme, Subventionen).
- Die Rolle von Bildung und Ausbildung.
- Hochtechnologie—Fluch oder Segen? (z.B. Auswirkungen auf die Beschäftigungsstrukturen).
- Neue Entwicklungen in der Arbeitswelt (z.B. Teilzeitarbeit, Anteil der Frauen an der Beschäftigung, Vorruhestandsregelungen).
- Demographische Faktoren.

Chairman: Bryan Nicholson
Referent/Introducer: David Lipsey
Berichterstatter/Rapporteur: Dr. Meinhard Miegel

Winding up address: Professor Michael Stürmer
Chairman of the Saturday Plenary Session: Rolf Seelman-Eggebert

Three groups will be provided with simultaneous translation, one group will discuss in English.

Drei Arbeitsgruppen sind mit einer Simultan-Übersetzungsanlage versehen, eine Arbeitsgruppe wird in Englisch diskutieren.

Bitte beachten Sie, dass die Plenarsitzungen im St. Chad Building stattfinden: die Arbeitsgruppen finden im St. Catharine's College statt.

TAGUNGSFOLGE

DONNERSTAG, 3. APRIL

- 11.30 Abflug Flughafen Köln/Bonn
- 11.50 Ankunft Charterflug aus Köln/Bonn am Flughafen Cambridge
- 12.30 Mittagessen im St. Catharine's College
- 14.30-17.15 Eröffnung
Einführungsreferate zu den Themen der Arbeitsgruppen
- 18.00 Empfang durch den deutschen Botschafter, S.E. Rüdiger Freiherr von Wechmar, im Queens' College
- 19.30 Abendessen im St. Catharine's College
- 21.00 Empfang im Old Schools durch den Rektor der Universität Cambridge, Professor The Lord Adrian, MD, FRS

FREITAG, 4. APRIL

- 07.45-08.30 Frühstück
- 09.00 Beginn der Aussprache in den Arbeitsgruppen
- 10.30 Kaffeepause
- 11.00 Fortsetzung der Aussprache in den Arbeitsgruppen
- 12.30 Mittagessen
- 15.00 Fortsetzung der Aussprache in den Arbeitsgruppen
- 16.30 Teepause
- 17.00-18.30 Fortsetzung der Aussprache in den Arbeitsgruppen
- 19.15 Empfang durch Master und Fellows des St. Catharine's College
- 20.00 Abendessen im St. Catharine's College. Gastgeber: Rt. Hon. Kenneth Baker, MP, Minister für Umweltfragen.

SONNABEND, 5. APRIL

- 07.45-08.15 Frühstück
- 09.00-12.30 Kurzberichte über die Aussprachen in den Arbeitsgruppen, anschließend allgemeine Diskussion im Plenum und 'winding-up address'
- 13.00 Mittagessen
- 14.30 Abfahrt St. Catharine's College zum Flughafen Cambridge
- 15.30 Rückflug nach Köln/Bonn
- 17.50 Ankunft Flughafen Köln/Bonn