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from

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to

Her Excellency Margaret Thatcher, Prime Minister  
of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and  
Northern Ireland

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Dear Prime Minister,

Thank you for your message of 6 November 1984 referring to  
important questions that we should discuss at our forthcoming  
meeting of the European Council and at our consultations in  
Bonn on 18 January 1985.

I concur with you in the view that the question of the further  
development of the Community and, in this context, the work  
of the DOOGE Committee as well as the subject of improved co-  
operation within WEU should be at the forefront of our dis-  
cussions.

The DOOGE Committee has been meeting since September 1984. I  
am pleased that the atmosphere in the Committee is constructive.  
Our goal should be to ensure a substantive political outcome  
to the Committee's work. In this connection, I welcome the  
report submitted by Minister of State Rifkind. His proposals  
on the EE's internal market are currently being examined with  
great interest. Even at this stage it can be stated that his  
report contains a generally apt description of the situation.  
It explains both the advantages of a completed internal market  
and possible ways and means of achieving this. In this context,  
we shall have to take account of the decisions by this year's  
meetings of the European Council.

The meeting of Foreign and Defence Ministers in Rome on 26/27  
October 1984 imparted strong impetus to WEU as the European  
pillar of the North Atlantic Alliance in connection with our

subject of freedom  
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efforts for European unification. It is now essential to look to the future and actively continue strengthening WEU.

I look forward to our forthcoming meetings and talks. I shall, moreover, venture to phone you on Wednesday, 28 November 1984 in order to inform you of my talks with President Mitterand in Paris on 19 November 1984 and of the considerations which I would like to present to President Reagan during my forthcoming visit to Washington.

Yours sincerely,  
(sgd.) Helmut Kohl

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