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Too late for briefing PM today. Could you have in your pocket for the Council?

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BILATERAL WITH CHANCELLOR KOHL: SPECIAL EUROPEAN COUNCIL, ROME, 27/28 OCTOBER 1990

It would be helpful if the Prime Minister could briefly mention two Gulf-related issues to Chancellor Kohl in the margins of the informal European Council.

First, German support for our military deployment in the Gulf. The Germans have already agreed to meet some of the rail freight costs for the transport of the 7th Armoured Brigade. German officials have just finished processing our requests for further help with transport costs, spares, protection of lines of communication from terrorist attack and civilian overtime and extra policing at UK bases in Germany. The latest news from Bonn is that Chancellor Kohl may inform the Prime Minister of the German decision this weekend. If it is a positive response covering a number of our requests, the Prime Minister will wish to welcome it. If not, the Prime Minister may wish to urge the Germans to reconsider.

[The Germans are like to offer us help of about \$35 million.] CDD

Secondly, aid to Jordan. The Prime Minister agreed on 18 October that we should encourage Western donors to make aid available urgently to Jordan. Mr Baker has also written to EC Foreign Ministers and the President of the EC Commission urging Partners individually and collectively to release agreed EC aid to Jordan this year rather than in 1991 as originally intended. 1 BECU of the 1.5 BECU EC aid agreed for Egypt, Turkey and Jordan is to be bilateral donations. The early release of the German tranche is what is needed. We shall not be making a contribution to the 1 BECU given our military effort. The Foreign Secretary hopes to raise this on a bilateral basis with Chancellor Kohl and Herr Genscher on 26 October. *In talking heavily to Chancellor Kohl,* The Prime Minister may wish to say that she recognises the generosity of the German aid commitment (DM 3.3 billion) to

** raised with Genscher, not W. Kohl.*

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states affected by the Gulf crisis. She could go on to say that we regard Jordan's economic problems as acute. Jordan is making a genuine effort to implement sanctions. She might therefore urge early disbursement of ~~the~~ German bilateral aid to Jordan.

I am copying this letter to Simon Webb (Ministry of Defence).

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