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Prime Minister

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Agree to bilaterals at Bonn Economic Summit with - in order of reference - President Reagan, Mr Mulroney, Mr Nakasone & Signor Craxi (if absolutely necessary to avoid a later bilateral)?

19 February 1985

Dear Charles,

CDP 19/2.

Yes no

Bonn Economic Summit: Bilateral Meetings

The Canadian High Commission have approached us, on instructions from Ottawa, to propose a bilateral meeting between Mrs Thatcher and Mr Mulroney in Bonn at the time of the Economic Summit. They have also been asked to explore what times might be available.

Our High Commissioner in Ottawa has confirmed that Mr Mulroney is most anxious to have an opportunity for a meeting with Mrs Thatcher in Bonn. The Foreign Secretary recommends that the Prime Minister should agree in principle to this opportunity to renew contact with Mr Mulroney, whom she met in Ottawa in September 1983 when he was Leader of the Opposition. Your letter of 2 February, concerning the appointment of a new Canadian High Commissioner, indicated that the Prime Minister looked forward to an early opportunity to meet Mr Mulroney for a thorough discussion. The Prime Minister will recall that Mr Mulroney had to cancel an intended visit to Britain at the time of the Summit and we have not yet heard from the Canadians whether they are able to suggest alternative dates.

The Canadian request raises the question of whether the Prime Minister would want any other bilateral meetings at Bonn. She has fairly frequent occasion to meet her Community colleagues and will see them at the European Council on 25/26 March. She has already agreed to a bilateral with Signor Craxi in Bonn. He has a special claim as current President of the Community. Apart from him, President Reagan and Prime Ministers Mulroney and Nakasone should in our view be given priority.

The timing of the bilaterals will have to be looked at very carefully. I attach a programme. It may be possible to fit in one meeting after arrival on the afternoon of Thursday 2 May. The only other times appear to be at the breakfasts or after the promulgation of the joint final communique and before the State Dinner on Saturday 4 May. The Canadians have said that they would like the bilateral to

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concentrate on Summit topics, although Anglo-Canadian issues might also be touched on. It would therefore make sense if this meeting were to take place earlier rather than later during the Summit.

I should be grateful to know whether the Prime Minister would agree in principle to a bilateral meeting with Mr Mulroney.

I am copying this letter to Richard Hatfield in the Cabinet Office.

*Yours ever,
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The Co-ordinator
for the Bonn Economic Summit

Bonn, 8 February 1985

Projected order of events for the Economic Summit in Bonn
(2 to 4 May 1985)

Thursday, 2 May 1985

14.00 to 16.30 hrs	Arrival of delegations at Cologne Bonn airport at 20-minute intervals in reverse order of protocol
14.10 to 16.40 hrs	Transfer to Bonn by helicopter
On arrival in Bonn	Proceed to Palais Schaumburg
14.30 to 17.00 hrs	Welcome with military honours by the Federal Chancellor
Following official welcome	Introductory talks between the Federal Chancellor and each delegation in Palais Schaumburg
14.50 to 17.20 hrs	Delegations proceed to residences hotel
18.30 hrs	Reception given by the Federal Chancellor at Schloss Augustusburg

20.15 hrs

Separate dinners, given by

- the Federal Chancellor for the Heads of State and Government at Schloss Falkenlust (first floor)
- the Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs for the Foreign Ministers at Schloss Falkenlust
- the Federal Minister of Finance for the Finance Ministers in the historical Small Cabinet Room, Palais Schaumburg
- the German Personal Representative for his colleagues in Schloss Falkenlust (Ground Floor)

Friday, 3 May 1985

9.45 to 12.15 hrs

Working sessions for

- the Heads of State and Government in the historical Cabinet Room, Palais Schaumburg
- the Foreign Ministers in the small Cabinet Room of the Federal Chancellery
- the Finance Ministers in the Cabinet Room of the Federal Chancellery

13.00 hrs

Working luncheon for

- the Heads of State and Government and the Foreign Ministers in the historical Small Cabinet Room, Palais Schaumburg

- the Finance Ministers in the Federal Chancellery
- the Personal Representatives in the Hallstein Rooms, Palais Schaumburg

14.30 to 18.00 hrs Plenary session in the Federal Chancellery, NATO room

20.00 hrs Separate dinners given by

- the Federal Chancellor for the Heads of State and Government in Palais Schaumburg (Hallstein rooms)
- the Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs for the Foreign Ministers in the historical Small Cabinet Room, Palais Schaumburg
- the Federal Minister of Finance for the Finance Ministers in the Redoute
- the German Personal Representative for his colleagues at the Federal Chancellery, Schmidt-Rotluff room

Saturday, 4 May 1985

9.30 to 12.30 hrs Continuation of the plenary session in the Federal Chancellery, NATO room

13.00 hrs Plenary luncheon in the "large dining room" of the Federal Chancellery (first floor)

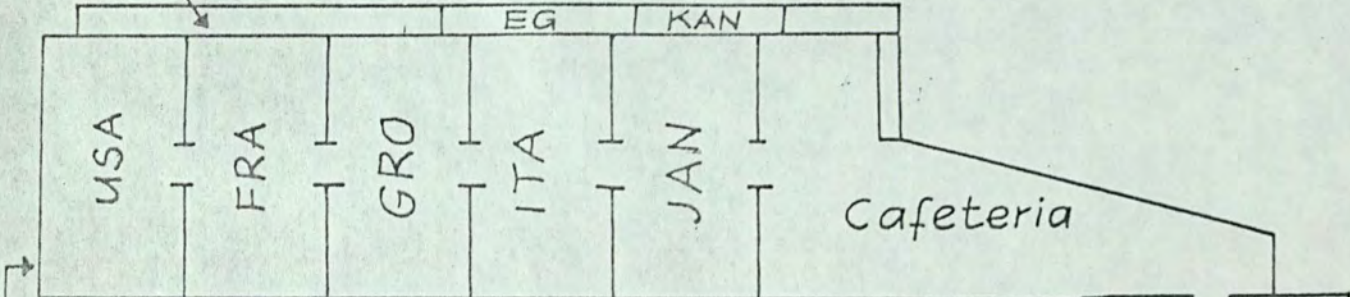
15.45 hrs

Promulgation of the joint final communiqué in the Debating Chamber (Plenarsaal) of the German Bundestag

20.00 hrs

Dinner given by the Federal President in honour of the Heads of State and Government, Foreign Ministers and Finance Ministers at Villa Hammerschmidt

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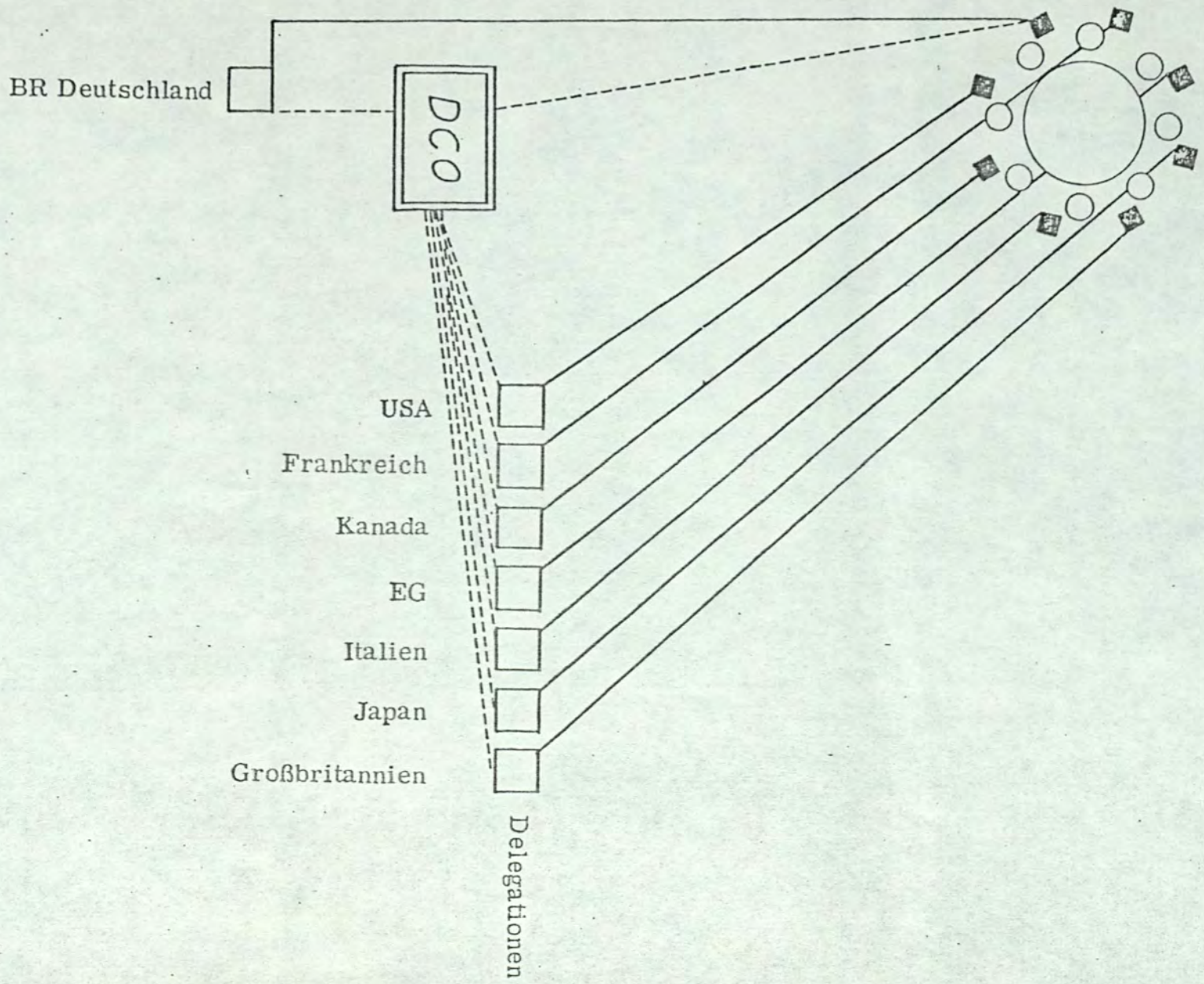
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