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From the Private Secretary

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ANGLO/GERMAN EMISSARY TO PRESIDENT BOTHA

Thank you for your letter of 24 November about the text of the speaking note to be used with President Botha by Dr Leutwiler.

I agree that we should continue with this exercise despite the possibility that there might be a direct meeting between the Prime Minister and President Botha if the latter travels to New York for signature of the agreement on Angola. I understand from Herr Teltschik that Leutwiler is arranging to travel on the night of 13/14 December, the first dates which he can manage. He is confident that President Botha will see him even if he is on holiday: apparently he has done so in the past.

Meanwhile, I have alerted Teltschik that we have some small amendments to suggest to the text to bring it up to date with recent developments and have agreed that our Ambassador will hand the revisions to Herr Ueberschaer in the Federal Chancellery as early as possible today. Teltschik will then telephone me if he has difficulties with our suggestions.

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