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PERSONAL MESSAGE
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THE PRIME MINISTER

4 December 1989

Dear Helmut-

I was very shocked to hear of the dreadful murder of Alfred Herrhausen. He was a very well known and respected figure in international financial circles and it had been my privilege to meet him last February. This appalling crime underlines yet again the need for us to do all we can to combat terrorism. I know that the German police will be pursuing the investigation vigorously. We are ready to offer you any assistance we can.

Yours ever

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His Excellency Dr. Helmut Kohl



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20 a foremost role in the German and International Banking
21 community. His loss will be deeply felt. My sympathy is with
22 you at this most painful time'.
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1. GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGES FROM
THE PRIME MINISTER TO CHANCELLOR KOHL AND THE WIDOW OF ALFRED
HERRHAUSEN AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

2. MESSAGE TO THE WIDOW.

BEGINS:

'I WAS DEEPLY SHOCKED AND SADDENED TO LEARN OF THE MURDER OF YOUR
HUSBAND THIS MORNING. I VERY MUCH ADMIRER HIM AND HE PLAYED
A FOREMOST ROLE IN THE GERMAN AND INTERNATIONAL BANKING
COMMUNITY. HIS LOSS WILL BE DEEPLY FELT. MY SYMPATHY IS WITH
YOU AT THIS MOST PAINFUL TIME'.

ENDS.

3. MESSAGE TO CHANCELLOR KOHL.

BEGINS:

'I WAS VERY SHOCKED TO HEAR OF THE DREADFUL MURDER OF ALFRED
HERRHAUSEN. HE WAS A VERY WELL KNOWN AND RESPECTED FIGURE
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From the Private Secretary

30 November 1989

Death of the President of the Deutsche Bank

Thank you for your letter of 30 November proposing messages from the Prime Minister to Herr Herrhausen's widow and to Chancellor Kohl. I am sure the Prime Minister would wish to send messages and I should be grateful if the revised versions enclosed could be despatched.

CHARLES POWELL

R H T Gozney, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

30 November 1989

Jean Charles,

Death of the President of the Deutsche Bank

We spoke on the telephone about messages from the Prime Minister to Herr Herrhausen's widow and Chancellor Kohl. I should be grateful for clearance of the enclosed telegram.

John Lewis,
Richard Gozney

(R H T Gozney)
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
10 Downing Street

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19 your husband this morning. *I very much admired him*
20 ~~I visited Frankfurt in February. He played an important role in~~
21 ~~the German and International Banking community, and he will be~~
22 ~~very much missed.~~ *his loss will be deeply felt*

23 My sympathy is with you at this most difficult time'. *pass*

24 Ends.

- 25 3. Message to Chancellor Kohl.

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27 'I was very shocked to hear of the dreadful murder of Alfred
28 Herrhausen. He ~~contributed much to the close relationship~~
29 ~~between the financial organisations of our two countries.~~ *he was a very well known & respected figure in international financial circles*

It had been my intention to meet him last evening.

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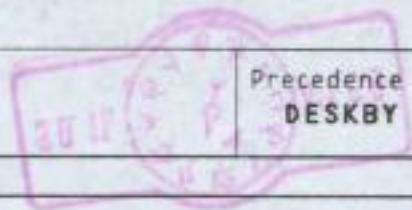
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