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Dear John,

MR POWELL'S VISIT TO FRANKFURT (4)

- (7) 1. Many thanks for your letter of 5 March about Mr Powell's visit. By the time this letter reaches you I hope you will have also had Caroline Petric's letter to me, which was copied to you and dated 5 March.
2. As I mentioned to you on the telephone yesterday, the Ambassador has given careful consideration as to whether there would be advantage in your attending the meeting of the Hessischer Kreis where Mr Powell will speak. He appreciates the advantages which might have been gained by your attending but on balance feels that it would be wiser for you not to do so.
3. The main consideration is that attendance by you at this meeting might be misconstrued either unconsciously or maliciously as giving moral support to a man who is breaching the long-established tradition whereby Members of Parliament and particularly MPs who are members of the governing party, do not attack British policy when abroad.
4. If Mr Powell's visit to Frankfurt generates publicity and you feel that there is any counter-action which we can set in hand from here in Bonn, please let us know.

Yours ever,

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(Hugh Carless)