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Dear Comrade Sharett,

Conference of Party Leaders, 29-31 July, 1961

I have great pleasure in inviting you to attend a Conference of Party Leaders which is being held in Denmark from 29-31 July. The purpose of the meeting is to consider the draft of a declaration envisaged for the Rome Congress which is being prepared by a special group set up by the Bureau of the International, and which will be available within a few days.

Participants are requested to arrive during the evening of Friday, 28 July, because the meeting will start on Saturday, 29th, at 10 a.m. I estimate that it will finish by midday on the Monday.

Acceptances have been received from :

Bruno Pittermann and Otto Probst (Austria); Guy Mollet and Robert Pontillon (France); Erich Ollenhauer and Herbert Wehner (Germany); Hugh Gaitskell and George Brown (Gt.Britain); Paolo Rossi (Italy); J.A.W.Burger and G.C.Suurhoff (Netherlands); Nils Langhelle (Norway); Jens-Otto Krag, Viggo Kampmann, Alsing Andersen (Denmark); Tage Erlander, Olof Palme (Sweden).

The Conference will be held at Højstrupgard, which is situated on the North Coast of Seeland, 5-6 minutes by car from Elsinore (Helsingør), and 40 km north of Copenhagen. Arrangements about transport will be sent in due course. Most of the delegates will be staying at Højstrupgard, but some will sleep at the Hotel Hamlet, Elsinore, a few minutes away. Meals will be provided at Højstrupgard. Further details will follow shortly.

This will be an important meeting, and although I know that at the present time pressure on you will be enormous, I hope it will be possible for you to find time to attend.

Since the date of 29-31 July falls in the middle of the Danish summer holidays, early reservation is essential. Please let me know as soon as possible whether you will attend and whether you will be accompanied, and the date of your arrival.

Looking forward to seeing you again,

Yours sincerely,