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From the Private Secretary

30 July 1987

The Prime Minister has asked me to write and thank you, Flight Lieutenant Kirk and Corporal Currie for the safe journey to and from Paris yesterday. It was an excellent flight and added to a very good day. Thank you again.

C. D. Powell

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THE PRIME MINISTER

30 July 1987

Dear Mr. President,

I write to thank you most warmly for your generous hospitality on the occasion of the exchange of instruments of ratification of the Channel Tunnel Treaty. The ceremony and the lunch were greatly enjoyed by our whole delegation. And I am delighted that together we have been able to complete the preparations for this great project and hold out the prospect of something so new and exciting for future generations.

May I also thank you for our talk and for your kindness in showing me the private apartments of the Elysee. I do congratulate you upon the marvellous taste and style which they display, a tribute both to you and Madame Mitterrand and to the French designers and decorators responsible.

Please give my best wishes to Madame Mitterrand, and my hopes for a speedy recovery for your son and his children.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely

Raymond Barber

His Excellency Monsieur François Mitterrand, G.C.B.



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THE PRIME MINISTER

30 July 1987

Dear Ewen,

Thank you very much for your help and support during the ceremonies in connection with the Channel Tunnel Treaty. The subsequent talks with M. Chirac were certainly vigorous but it was, I am sure, necessary to leave him in no doubt of our absolutely firm objections to an oils and fats tax.

It was very nice to see you both, and the Embassy in such good hands. Please also pass on my thanks to your staff for all their help.

Yours sincerely
Raymond Stobart

His Excellency Sir Ewen Fergusson, K.C.M.G.



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THE PRIME MINISTER

29 July 1987

Dear Prime Minister,

I am most grateful for your kind hospitality today on the occasion of the exchange of instruments of ratification of the Channel Tunnel Treaty. It was a great day for both our countries. I am glad that we also had the opportunity to talk through the difficult issues facing us in the Gulf and in the European Community. I hope that our officials can keep in close touch on both matters.

It was particularly courteous of you to come to the airport to meet me, and I very much appreciated this gesture of friendship.

With warm regards,

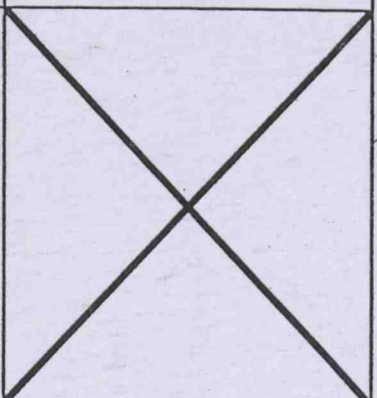
Yours sincerely

Raymond Barber

Monsieur Jacques Chirac

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From the Private Secretary

27 July 1987

**CHANNEL TUNNEL RATIFICATION CEREMONY:
ELYSEE LUNCH**

Thank you for your letter of 27 July proposing some additions to the guest list for the Elysée lunch. I think that you should go ahead and invite those named.

CHARLES POWELL

R.N. Culshaw, Esq., M.V.O.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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27 July 1987

Dear Charles

Channel Tunnel Ratification Ceremony: Elysée Lunch

We spoke this morning about the Elysée's intention to double the size of the lunch on 29 July. In addition to the 10 on which we are agreed, there is therefore room for a further 10 guests on our side.

After consultation with the Department of Transport we suggest that the further places should go to the following:

- Sir N Henderson : Member of the Board, Eurotunnel
- Mr A D McDowell : Chairman and Chief Executive, Transmarche-Link
- The Hon K Speed : MP for Ashford
- Mr M J Odling : Chairman, Planning and Transportation, Kent County Council
- Mr E Hamer : Shepway District Council
- Brigadier A Harper : Leader, Ashford Borough Council
- Mr P Watkins : Leader, Dover District Council
- Sir John Fretwell
- Mr B Ingham
- Mr P Fifoot : Deputy Legal Adviser, FCO

Yours ever

(R N Culshaw)
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From the Private Secretary

24 July 1987

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO PARIS

It will come as no surprise to those who have read Secretary Shultz' testimony to Congress yesterday, that the Prime Minister would like her meetings in Paris with President Mitterrand and Prime Minister Chirac to be on a restricted basis. She will be accompanied by a Private Secretary only.

(Charles Powell)

Lyn Parker, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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From the Private Secretary

24 July 1987

**CHANNEL TUNNEL RATIFICATION CEREMONY:
GUEST LISTS**

Thank you for your letter of 24 July enclosing draft guest lists for the Prime Minister's visit to Paris on 29 July. I am not in the time available able to consult the Prime Minister. I think that she would be particularly concerned to ensure that there was adequate representation of a political nature and from local government. I do not know, for instance, whether you think that there ought to be more Members of Parliament from the area concerned included in the list of those attending the ceremony; and whether you think there is adequate representation from local government as opposed to civil servants. I suggest that you check these points urgently with Ministers in the Department of Transport.

As regards attendance at the lunch I suggest that the eleventh place should go to Lord Brabazon.

CHARLES POWELL

R.N. Culshaw, Esq., M.V.O.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.



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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

24 July 1987

Dear Charles

Channel Tunnel Ratification Ceremony: Guest Lists

/ I enclose draft guest lists, with nominations from the Department of Transport and the FCO, for the Prime Minister's visit to Paris on 29 July. The Elysee have proposed that about thirty from each side should attend the ceremony; and that ten from each side should attend the lunch afterwards.
/ I also enclose a passenger list with 21 names for the RAF Andover. The Foreign Secretary, who is in Copenhagen, has not seen these papers.

The French have not yet prepared guest lists.

Yours ever

(R N Culshaw)
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
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CHANNEL TUNNEL RATIFICATION CEREMONY : DRAFT GUEST LISTS

1. Lunch

Prime Minsister

Private Secretary

Secretary of State for Transport

Mr Mitchell, Minister of State, Department of Transport

Mr Alastair Morton, Co-Chairman of Eurotunnel

Sir Robert Reid, Chairman of British Rail

Mr J D Noulton, Under Secretary, DTp, UK Chairman of the
Inter-Governmental Commission on the Channel Tunnel

Mr A H Hart, Leader, Kent County Council

Sir E Fergusson, British Ambassador

Lord Brabazon, PUSS, DTp OR Sir J Fretwell, Political Director,
FCO, and ex-Ambassador, Paris OR Mr B Ingham, Press Secretary,
No 10

2. Ceremony

(30/31 names)

The above, plus

Mr B Ingham, Press Secretary, No 10 (if not already on lunch
list)

Private Secretary, Secretary of State for Transprt

Sir N Henderson, Eurotunnel Board

Mr A D McDowell, Chairman and Chief Executive, Transmanche-Link

Mr M Hall, Public Affairs Director, Eurotunnel

Mr D Kirby, Joint Managing Director (Railways), British Rail

Mr M J Odling, Chairman, Planning and Transportation, Kent County
Council

Mr H W M D Service, Leader, Shepway District Council

Brigadier A Harper, Leader Ashford Borough Council

Mr P Watkins, Leader, Dover District Council

Mr C M Jackson, MEP, Kent East

The Hon K Speed, MP, Ashford

Mr J Coates, Railways Directorate, Department of Transprt

Mr J Q Greenstock, Head of Chancery, British Embassy

Members of Inter-Governmental Commission (IGC) :-

Ms E Hopkins, DTp
Mr R Beetham, Head of MAED, FCO
Mr R Bolt, DTp
Mr F Rose, DTp
Ms E Atkins, DTp
Mr I Chisholm, Home Office
Mr P Fifoot, FCO Legal Adviser

Secretariat : Miss P Noble, Protocol Dept, FCO

Reserves

Mr P Kirk, Private Secretary/Mr Mitchell
Major C F Rose, Chairman, Channel Tunnel Safety Authority
Mr R I Bolt, Customs and Excise
Mr E A J Attridge, MAFF
Mr K Macnamara, Finance Director, Eurotunnel

3. RAF Andover (21 names)

Secretary of State for Transport
PS/Secretary of State for Transport
Mr Mitchell
?Lord Brabazon/Sir J Fretwell
Mr A Morton (ET)
Sir R Reid (BR)
Mr A H Hart (Kent)
Miss P Noble (FCO Protocol Dept)
Mr R Gair (COI)
Mr J Noulton (DTp-outward only)
Mr J Coates (DTp)
Mr J-L Dherse (Chief Executive of Eurotunnel; probably on French
guest list but based at Eurotunnel HQ in London)
Mr C Jackson MEP
Mr K Speed MP
Sir N Henderson (ET)
Mr A McDowell (ET)

Mr H Service (Shepway)
Brigadier A Harper (Ashford)
Councillor P Watkins (Dover)
Mr D Kirby (BR)
Mr M Odling (Kent)

23 July 1987



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

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23rd July, 1987.

Dear Charles.

Thank you for your letter of 22nd July about the Prime Minister's proposed visit to Paris on 29th July. The Queen is pleased to give permission to the Prime Minister to be absent from this country on that date.

Yours ever
Robert.

(ROBERT FELLOWES)

Charles Powell, Esq.



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From the Private Secretary

21 July 1987

CHANNEL TUNNEL: RATIFICATION CEREMONY

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Thank you for your letter of 20 July about the outline programme for the Prime Minister's visit to Paris on 29 July for ratification of the Channel Tunnel Treaty. In general, I am sure the Prime Minister would be content with this. It might be worth considering whether we could not lengthen the tete-a-tete with President Mitterrand by 15 minutes so that more time could be spent discussing EC matters, but this is not essential. The Prime Minister would prefer short speeches to a press conference. I should be grateful if you could provide a draft speech by 24 July. The Prime Minister may well wish to deliver part of it in French, so we will have to be prepared to provide a translation rapidly and someone to coach her.

I agree that we should wait until the Channel Tunnel Bill has received the Royal Assent before announcing the visit.

C. D. Powell

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Lyn Parker Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

PRIME MINISTER

VISIT TO PARIS: RATIFICATION OF CHANNEL TUNNEL TREATY

I attach the programme proposed for your brief visit to Paris on 29 July to exchange instruments of ratification of the Channel Tunnel Treaty. It seems all right, subject to the following points:

- half an hour for a bilateral with President Mitterrand is rather short allowing for translation. Agree to propose extending it to 45 minutes?

Yes It is only about the Channel Tunnel. Half an hour is enough

- there is a choice between short speeches or a press conference to mark the ceremony. I imagine that you would be content with either, but the short speeches might be simpler. You may want to make part of your speech in French. Agree?

Yes no

CDP

(C. D. POWELL)

20 July 1987



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

20 July 1987

Dear Charles

Channel Tunnel: Ratification Ceremony

As you may have seen from Paris telno 697, the Elysee have now provided us with an outline programme (attached) for the Prime Minister's visit to Paris.

The Embassy in Paris are still pressing the Elysee for an indication on numbers both for the ceremony and for lunch. Meanwhile, we would welcome the Prime Minister's views on the draft programme as it now stands, and in particular on the following points:

- (i) the Press. The Elysee envisage the ceremony taking place before TV cameras and the press. The ceremony itself could take the form of a short exchange of speeches, or a press conference: the latter would have to be very brief. Which would the Prime Minister prefer? (We believe the French would happily go along with either.)
- (ii) Lunch. Probably only a short speech or reply to the toast.

The Elysee have not yet proposed a time and date for announcing the Prime Minister's visit to Paris. We suggest this be done once the Channel Tunnel Bill has received Royal Assent.

Yours ever
R N Culshaw
(R N Culshaw)
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
10 Downing Street

CHANNEL TUNNEL RATIFICATION CEREMONY: DRAFT OUTLINE
PROGRAMME

0935 PRIME MINISTER'S AIRCRAFT LEAVES
LONDON.

1150 LOCAL TIME PRIME MINISTER'S AIRCRAFT LANDS AT
VILLACOUBLAY.

1215 PRIME MINISTER'S PARTY ARRIVES
AT ELYSEE.

1215-1245 PRIME MINISTER'S TETE-A-TETE
WITH PRESIDENT MITTERRAND.

1245-1300 RATIFICATION CEREMONY:
(OR THEREABOUTS) EXCHANGE OF RATIFICATION INSTRUMENTS.
SIGNATURE OF PROCES VERBAL.
SIGNATURE OF ARBITRATION AGREEMENT
BY MR CHANNON AND M. DOUFFIAGUES
(WITH EUROTUNNEL PRESIDENTS).

1300-1315 SPEECHES/PRESS CONFERENCE.

1330 LUNCH HOSTED BY PRESIDENT MITTERRAND.

1500 PRIME MINISTER LEAVES ELYSEE FOR
MATIGNON.

1515-1615 PRIME MINISTER'S TETE-A-TETE
WITH M. CHIRAC.

1615 PRIME MINISTER LEAVES MATIGNON
FOR VILLACOUBLAY.

1640 PRIME MINISTER'S AIRCRAFT DEPARTS
FOR LONDON.

1655 PRIME MINISTER'S AIRCRAFT ARRIVES
IN LONDON.

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1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE OUTLINE PROGRAMME FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO PARIS ON 29 JULY AS PROPOSED BY THE ELYSEE AND MATIGNON: GRATEFUL FOR CONFIRMATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THAT THE PRIME MINISTER IS CONTENT WITH THIS.

1150	PM'S AIRCRAFT LANDS VILLACOUBLAY.
1215	PM'S PARTY ARRIVES ELYSEE.
1215-1245	TETE-A-TETE BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER AND PRESIDENT MITTERRAND.
1245-1300 (OR THEREABOUTS)	RATIFICATION CEREMONY: EXCHANGE OF RATIFICATION INSTRUMENTS. SIGNATURE OF NEXT TWO WORDS UNDERLINED PROCES VERBAL. SIGNING OF ARBITRATION AGREEMENT (WITH EUROTUNNEL PRESIDENTS).
1300-1315	SPEECHES/PRESS CONFERENCE.
1330	LUNCH HOSTED BY PRESIDENT MITTERRAND.
1500	PRIME MINISTER DEPARTS ELYSEE FOR MATIGNON: REMAINDER OF PARTY DEPART FOR VILLACOUBLAY AND LONDON.
1515-1615	PRIME MINISTER'S NEXT WORD UNDERLINED TETE-A-TETE WITH CHIRAC .
1615	PRIME MINISTER DEPARTS MATIGNON FOR VILLACOUBLAY.
1640	PM'S AIRCRAFT DEPARTS FOR LONDON.

2. WE ARE PRESSING THE ELYSEE FOR CLARIFICATION AS TO NUMBERS TO BE INVITED FOR THE CEREMONY AND FOR LUNCH AND WILL ADVISE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. GRATEFUL FOR GUIDANCE ON PRIME MINISTER'S WISHES IN RELATION TO CONTACT WITH THE PRESS. THE ELYSEE ENVISAGE THE RATIFICATION CEREMONY TAKING PLACE BEFORE TV CAMERAS AND THE PRESS. THE CHOICE IS BETWEEN SHORT SPEECHES TO MARK THE CEREMONY OR A PRESS CONFERENCE FORMAT (FOR WHICH THERE WILL BE LITTLE TIME).

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4. ELYSEE HAVE NOT YET PROPOSED A TIME AND DATE FOR ANNOUNCING THE PM'S VISIT TO PARIS. PRESUMABLY THIS SHOULD BE MADE ONCE ROYAL ASSENT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE CHANNEL TUNNEL BILL. GRATEFUL FOR GUIDANCE ON THIS POINT SO THAT WE CAN ADVISE THE ELYSEE AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE NEXT WEEK.

5. FCO PLEASE ADVANCE IMMEDIATE TO PS/MR CHANNON, PS/MR MITCHELL, NOULTONA ND COATES (TRANSPORT).

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From the Private Secretary

10 July 1987

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO PARIS, 29 JULY

M. Bujon, Diplomatic Adviser to the French Prime Minister, telephoned me this morning to ask whether we yet had any details of the Prime Minister's programme in Paris on 29 July. I said that we, like him, were waiting to hear from the Elysée.

M. Bujon said that, if it were possible, M. Chirac would very much like a separate talk with the Prime Minister during the visit. In any event, he would also like to propose a further Chequers-type meeting with her in the autumn and ahead of the European Council.

I said that I would certainly consult the Prime Minister on both points. I thought that she would have nothing against a talk with M. Chirac on 29 July if this fitted easily into the programme. It might be more difficult to find a time in the autumn when the Prime Minister's diary was already very full. There would of course be an Anglo-French Summit in late October. Perhaps it would be possible for the Prime Minister and M. Chirac to have a separate talk in the course of that.

This is just for your information at this stage. I will put the proposals to the Prime Minister when we know more about the programme planned for 29 July.

CHARLES POWELL

Lyn Parker, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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From the Private Secretary

8 July 1987

**CHANNEL TUNNEL RATIFICATION:
PROPOSED VISIT TO PARIS BY THE PRIME MINISTER**

Thank you for your letter of 7 July about travel arrangements for the Prime Minister's visit to Paris on 29 July for ratification of the Channel Tunnel Treaty.

I do not think that the Prime Minister will want to disrupt the RAF's commitments for the VC10s for such a short journey as Paris. We should therefore plan on the assumption that the Prime Minister should travel by HS125 and the remainder of the party by Andover.

(C. D. POWELL)

Lyn Parker, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

7 July 1987

Dear Charles,

Channel Tunnel Ratification : Proposed
visit to Paris by the Prime Minister, 29 July

Air Travel

Although this proposed visit to Paris by the Prime Minister is still at an initial planning stage, we understand from the Ministry of Defence that if our party wish to use an RAF VC10, RAF MOV OPS should be informed as soon as possible. Apparently the RAF VC10 fleet is already committed towards the end of July, so that if we go firm on a VC10 for the Prime Minister, RAF MOV OPS will have to make immediate plans to off-load their own consignments on to alternative aircraft.

Our two options appear to be as follows:-

(a) RAF VC10

Prime Minister
Secretary of State for Transport
Minister for Transport
Official party
Press party

Flying time : 1 hour 15 minutes

Cost: approx £9000 (less say approx £1200 for press fares; No 10 Press Office consider that Press travel on the same aircraft is not essential but preferable)

or

(b) RAF HS 125

Prime Minister
(7 seats) No 10 officials

Flying time : 1 hour 15 minutes

/plus



plus

RAF Andover

Secretary of State for Transport
(approx 20 seats) Minister for Transport
Remainder of official party

NB: Press travelling commercially

Flying time : 1 hour 45 minutes

Joint cost: HS 125	£2075
Andover	£ <u>4480</u>
	£6555

Some FCO officials who are involved in the intricacies of the Ratification may need to travel to and from Paris by commercial means.

Please let me know your preferred method of travel.

over, *L Parker*

(L Parker)
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
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