

Prime Minister's Trip to Paris, 30 November
1988

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VISIT TO FRANCE - WEDNESDAY 30 NOVEMBER

Matt (detective) has been in touch with Doug who is already in France. The message regarding the weather is that it has been wet, misty and cold, with low cloud in France today, and there is every likelihood that it will be the same tomorrow in which case the wet weather programme will operate. If so, the Prime Minister's walkabout will be cancelled due to the fairly lengthy car journey to Mont St. Michel from Dinard Airport. Doug will telephone Matt tomorrow morning at 0900 to give an up-to-date forecast.

Simon Dugdale (also in France) has telephoned also regarding the walkabout. This looks to be quite interesting although it is quite long (half to three-quarters of a mile), rather steep and cobblestones - the PM should have 'sensible' shoes. He says there are quite a few shops and the PM might need some money. Simon is in Room 202 on 16 33 60 1401 at his hotel if you need to speak to him.

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From the Private Secretary

25 November 1988

PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING WITH
PRESIDENT MITTERRAND ON 30 NOVEMBER

Thank you for your letter of 25 November about the programme for the Prime Minister's visit to Mont St-Michel.

The delegation is as listed in your letter except that Mr. Terry Perks will replace Mr. Bernard Ingham. I note the travel details which are very satisfactory and get us back to Northolt in time for the Prime Minister to keep her 6pm engagement. I am most grateful for all your help.

C. D. Powell

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25 November 1988

Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Meeting with President Mitterrand
on 30 November

Now that the programme (attached) for the Prime Minister's visit to Mont St-Michel has been agreed with the French. I should be grateful for your confirmation of the following details.

Delegation

Prime Minister
Mr Powell
Mr Ingham
Mr Dugdale
Mrs Scola
Det Chief Insp Dwyer
Det Insp Lewis
Dept Insp Cranfield Thompson
Mr Dallimore, DOI radio technician

Travel

A seven-seater RAF HS125 has been reserved. The French would like the Prime Minister's aircraft to arrive at Dinard Airport at 1305 local time. The party will then transfer by helicopter to Mont St-Michel. I should be grateful therefore for your agreement to the following timetable (all times local: UK = GMT; France = GMT +1).

1100	Depart RAF Northolt Flying time: 1 hour 5 minutes Coffee and pastries will be served
1305	Arrive Dinard Airport
1310	Transfer by helicopter to Mont St-Michel (15 minutes)
1325	Arrive Mont St-Michel
1645	Depart Mont St-Michel by helicopter
1705	Depart Dinard Airport Flying time: 1 hour 5 minutes Afternoon tea
1710	Arrive RAF Northolt



Mr Dugdale and Insp Lewis will advance to Mont St-Michel, via Paris. Insp Cranfield Thompson will return by commercial flight. Mr Dallimore will make his own travel arrangements.

Working Accommodation

A Number 10 office will be set up in a room at the Restaurant Mere Poulard where the working lunch takes place. Two direct lines will be installed in the No 10 office.

The arrival arrangements will be sent by telegram from Paris.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'L. Parker'.

(L Parker)
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO MONT ST-MICHEL
OUTLINE PROGRAMMEWednesday 30 November

1100 Depart London (RAF Northolt) by RAF HS 125

1305 Arrive Dinard Airport
Met by President Mitterrand

1310 Transfer by helicopter to Mont St-Michel

1325 Arrive Mont St-Michel

1330 Arrive at La Mère Poulard

1345 Working lunch begins

1545 Walk about (including Church and Abbey)

1615 Press conference at the Abbey (La Salle Belle Chaise)

1645 Depart Mont St-Michel by helicopter for Dinard
Airport

1705 Depart Dinard Airport by RAF HS 125

1710 Arrive London (RAF Northolt)

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO MONT ST MICHEL: 30 NOVEMBER: SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS

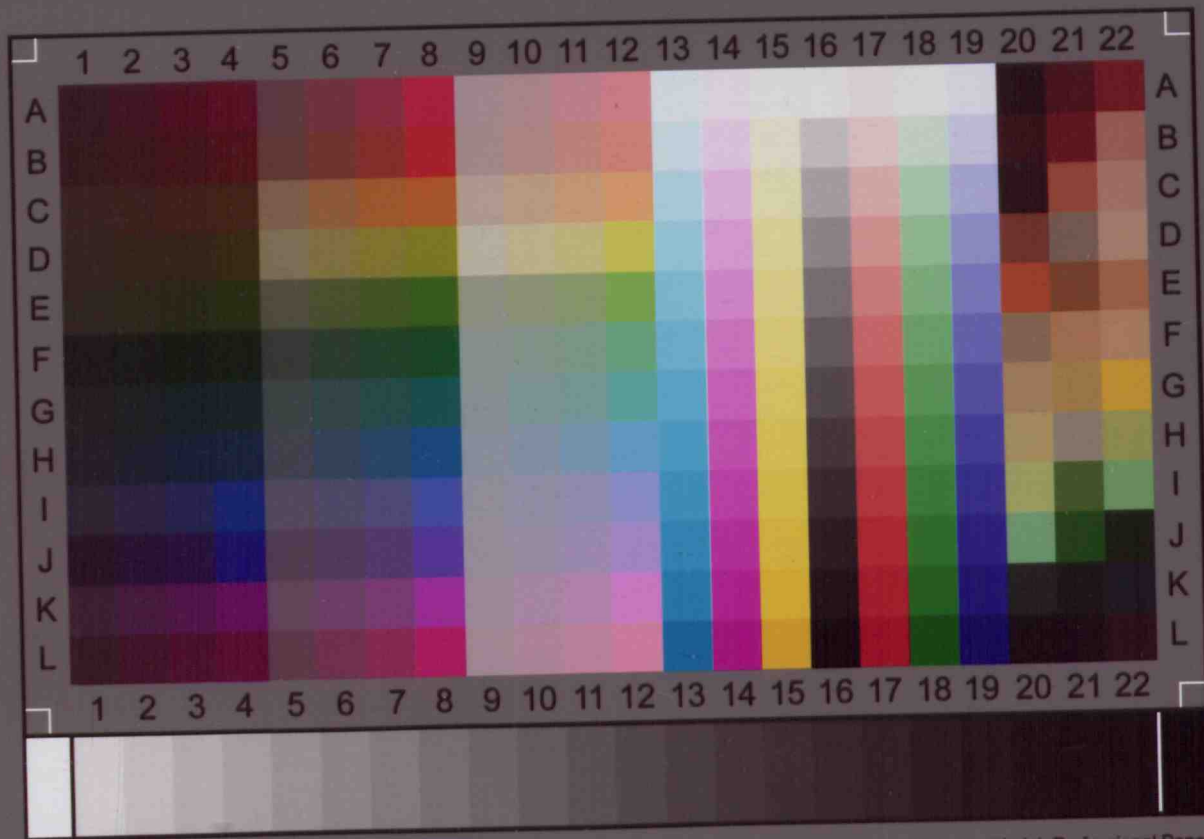
1. PROTOCOL (ELYSEE) HAVE ASKED US TO LET THEM KNOW BY 241600Z WHETHER THE PRIME MINISTER'S SECURITY WOULD PREFER THE CHURCH AND ABBEY AT MONT ST MICHEL TO BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC DURING MRS THATCHER'S VISIT. (MRS THATCHER AND THE PRESIDENT ARE TO VISIT THE CHURCH AT THE END OF THEIR WALK AROUND MONT ST MICHEL AND THE PRESS CONFERENCE THEREAFTER WILL BE HELD IN A ROOM IN THE ADJOINING ABBEY.)

2. THE FRENCH ARE QUITE PREPARED TO CLOSE THESE BUILDINGS ALTHOUGH, FOR A VISIT BY THE PRESIDENT ALONE, THEY WOULD NORMALLY ONLY QUOTE SWEEP UNQUOTE THEM BEFOREHAND AND SEARCH ANYONE ENTERING THEREAFTER.

3. IN LINE WITH THE PRESIDENT'S WISHES, THE VENUE FOR LUNCH, LA MERE POULARD, WILL NOT (REPEAT NOT) BE CLOSED, ALTHOUGH OTHER CUSTOMERS WILL ALL BE KNOWN TO THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND WILL IN ANY CASE BE SEATED SOME DISTANCE AWAY. NOR WILL THE ROUTE FROM LA MERE POULARD UP TO THE CHURCH AND ABBEY WHICH MRS THATCHER AND THE PRESIDENT WILL FOLLOW AFTER LUNCH (APPROXIMATELY 500 METRES) BE CLOSED. THE FRENCH TELL US THAT THERE WILL BE A SUBSTANTIAL POLICE PRESENCE AND THAT, AT THIS TIME OF YEAR, MONT ST MICHEL ATTRACTS FEW VISITORS.

LLEWELLYN SMITH

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