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Prime Minister's visit to Paris, to attend  
the Heads of Government Dinner.  
18 November 1989.

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*From the Private Secretary*

10 January 1990

**PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO PARIS:  
INTERPRETATION**

Thank you for your letter of 10 January about interpretation for the Prime Minister's meeting with President Mitterrand on 20 January. I think the Prime Minister would be content with Miss Bourdelet.

(CHARLES POWELL)

Richard Gozney, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

10 January 1990

Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Visit to Paris on 20 January:  
Interpretation

Mr Thierry, President Mitterrand's English/French interpreter, is not available to interpret at the bilateral meeting on 20 January. He does not know of anyone else who would be happy to act, as he normally does, as the sole interpreter. He has, therefore, booked two interpreters: Madame Stoffaes to interpret for President Mitterrand, and Antoinette Bourdelet to interpret for the Prime Minister. The latter interpreted for the Prime Minister during the bicentenary celebrations and the Economic Summit, and again at the dinner on 18 November.

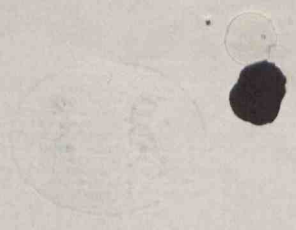
We should be grateful to know if you are content.

Yours ever,

Richard Gozney

(R H T Gozney)  
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq  
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THE PRIME MINISTER

19 November 1989

Dear Mr. President,

May I thank you most warmly for your initiative in bringing together European Community Heads of Government in Paris on Saturday evening. It was a very well worthwhile meeting and gave exactly the right signal both to the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe and to the rest of the world about the Community's attitude to recent developments. I hope that we can take discussion further at the European Council in Strasbourg and achieve some practical results.

Thank you also for your most generous hospitality, for which I am most grateful.

I look forward to seeing you in Strasbourg.

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Monsieur le Président Mitterrand, G.C.B.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

19 November 1989

*Dear Ewen,*

Thank you very much for looking after me during my brief visit to Paris on Saturday. It was a pity we could not stay longer. But the meeting itself was well worthwhile and the outcome very satisfying.

It was very good of you and Sara to allow such an invasion of the Embassy and to make us all feel so much at home. Please tell your staff also how very grateful I am.

*Warm regards to you both*

*Louis*

*Raymond*

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

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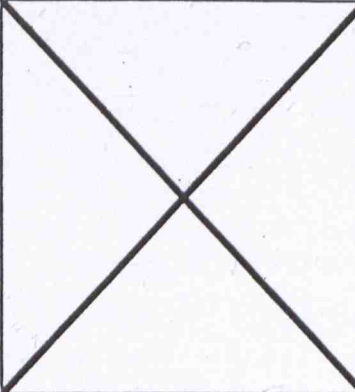
19 November 1989

I enclose thank you letters from the Prime Minister to President Mitterrand and HM Ambassador Paris. I should be grateful if you would arrange for them to be telegraphed to Paris as soon as possible.

(C. D. POWELL)

The Resident Clerk,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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cc: Lady Fergusson  
Minister  
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C(I)  
Mr Quayle (Duty  
Officer)  
Mr Etherton  
Miss Edes  
Mr Wilkie  
Mr Eakin  
Social Secretary  
Mr Newey

VISIT TO PARIS BY THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE:  
18 NOVEMBER

1. The programme is as follows:

1700 Private Office opens in Ambassador's Private Office (Julian King's office) manned by Mr Etherton. Comms and Registry open.

1900 Delegation arrive at Villacoublay. Met by Ambassador, Minister, Mr Wilkinson, Miss Ramsey and Mr Eakin.

1930 Delegation arrive Embassy (no 39).

1955 Prime Minister, Secretary of State, Mr Powell, ~~Mr Ingham, Mr Wall~~ and 2 Detectives depart for Elysée Palace.

2000 3 separate dinners at Elysée Palace for Heads of Government, Foreign Ministers and Officials. (Buffet dinner at Embassy for remaining members of delegation).

2200 Dinner at Elysée ends. Foreign secretaries join Heads of Government for coffee.

2300 President Mitterrand speaks to press (officials present).

2315  
approx Prime Minister, Secretary of State and officials return to Embassy (no 39).

2330  
approx Prime Minister speaks to press (approx 100) in Embassy ballroom.

midnight  
approx Delegation depart Embassy (no 39) accompanied by Ambassador, H of C, Miss Ramsey and Mr Eakin.

0030  
approx Delegation depart Villacoublay.

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2. Should bad weather prevent take-off, arrangements are in hand for the delegation to stay overnight at the Embassy.
3. A UK-based security officer (Mr Williams) and a No 10 Protection Officer will be on hand at the Embassy (no 39) to facilitate the arrival of the press and ensure that they do not impede the return of the Prime Minister at approximately 2315.
4. Mr Wilkie and Miss Ramsey are making arrangements to set up the Private Office after close of play on Friday 17 November.
5. Separate minutes have issued on the transport plan and telephone arrangements.
6. Enquiries concerning the substance of the visit should be addressed to H of C or Mr Etherton and those concerning the administrative arrangements to Miss Ramsey.

*Pat Ramsey*

Pat Ramsey

17 November 1989

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PRIME MINISTER

HEADS OF GOVERNMENT DINNER IN PARIS

You are attending the Heads of Government Dinner in Paris tomorrow night. The programme is:

- 1610 Depart Chequers.
- 1650 Take-off from Northholt (BAe146) (Foreign Secretary will be with us).
- 1900 Arrive Paris.
- 1925 Arrive Embassy to change.
- 2000 Dinner at the Elysee (Foreign Ministers will dine separately but will join Heads of Government at some point).
- 2230 Approximately, Dinner ends.
- 2300 Approximately, President Mitterrand to speak to press.
- 2300 Prime Minister sees British press at Embassy.
- 2400 Take-off for London.
- 0010 Arrive London (Heathrow Southside)
- 0030 Return to No. 10

CHARLES POWELL  
17 NOVEMBER 1989

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

16th November, 1989.

*Dear Charles.*

Thank you for your letter of 15th November, which I have laid before The Queen. Her Majesty is pleased to give her permission for the Prime Minister to be absent from this country on the evening of 18th November in order to visit Paris.

*Yours ever  
Robert.*

(ROBERT FELLOWES)

C.D. Powell, Esq.



*Handwritten initials*

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*From the Private Secretary*

16 November 1989

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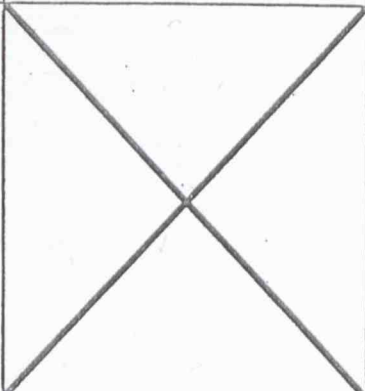
Thank you for your letter of 16 November covering a seating plan for the Prime Minister's visit to Paris on 18 November. This is approved.

CHARLES POWELL

J. S. Wall, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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*c: / Foreign /  
Fellows*

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*From the Private Secretary*

15 November 1989

The Prime Minister intends to visit Paris on the evening of Saturday 18 November for dinner with President Mitterrand.

I should be grateful if you could seek The Queen's permission for the Prime Minister to be absent from the country on that evening.

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C. D. POWELL

Robert Fellowes, Esq., C.B., L.V.O.

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