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From the Private Secretary

13 September 1982

ANGLO-FRENCH SUMMIT: 4/5 NOVEMBER

Thank you for your letter of 8 September.

The Prime Minister would be grateful if the following would accompany her to Paris for this Summit:

Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary
Chancellor of the Exchequer
Secretary of State for Trade
Secretary of State for Industry
Minister of Agriculture

You referred to previous French reluctance to include Defence Ministers in the Summit. The Prime Minister has considered this matter. If the Defence Secretary would like to attend, and if the French on this occasion make no difficulty about participation by Defence Ministers, the Prime Minister would be very glad if the Defence Secretary could accompany her.

As regards the time of departure, the fact that the State Opening of Parliament will be on 3 November means that there will not be a Question-time on 4 November. The Prime Minister will be able to leave after the Front Bench speeches on 4 November. We shall need to look at the precise timing a little later.

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Prime Minister

Anglo / French Summit

Agree to be accompanied by:-

Chancellor
Foreign Secretary

Trade Secretary

Industry Secretary

Minister of Agriculture

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Yes
no

2. As regards the De Gaulle Secretary,

have you any objection if he

wants to come and if the

French agree?

No

no

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State opening 3rd Nov

So - There would be a question mark on the 6th, Nov. We shall start at 2.30 and I will be able to leave due to the front rank speakers who will be 5 days us that day

Answered separately.

WJH 14/9

Dear John.

Anglo-French Summit: 4-5 November 1982

We need to start considering which Ministers might accompany the Prime Minister to this year's Anglo-French Summit in Paris. Mr Pym believes that we should continue to aim for a wide spread, especially as the Anglo-French meeting occurs only once a year. I have written separately about the Anglo-German Summit.

Our view is that (apart from Mr Pym) the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Secretaries of State for Trade and for Industry and the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food should be considered as prime candidates. Between them they cover much of the substance of our bilateral relationship with the French. It might also be appropriate to include Mr Hurd, Minister of State here, to discuss detailed aspects of outstanding European Community business with his French opposite number responsible for European affairs particularly if, as happened last year, the French are keen to field M Chandernagor. The French have previously been reluctant to include Defence Ministers in the Summit, and Mr Nott is expected to attend a trilateral meeting in Paris with his German and French colleagues on 22 October, but you may nevertheless want to consider if he should be included on 4/5 November.

Mr. Hurd cannot come - he will be abroad. WJH

One of our concerns has been to ensure that an appropriate interlocutor for M Chevènement is found. In the last government reshuffle his portfolio was extended to include Industry as well as Research and Technology, and the Minister in charge of Energy is now responsible to him. Mr Jenkin would appear to be his single most appropriate interlocutor. We do not propose the inclusion of Transport Ministers as detailed discussion of a Channel Fixed Link would be inappropriate in early November.

We should welcome the Prime Minister's views on ministerial participation. For the sake of comparison, I attach a list of those Ministers who participated in the last two Summits.

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I understand that, on present plans, the Prime Minister intends to leave for Paris after Question Time on Thursday 4 November, returning to London after lunch on Friday 5 November.

Yours ever,

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BRITISH MINISTERS WHO WERE INVOLVED IN THE 1981 SUMMIT, LONDON

Prime Minister

Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs

Chancellor of the Exchequer

Secretaries of State for Industry

Trade

Energy

Transport

Lord Privy Seal

Minister of State, Department of Industry (Mr Tebbit)

Parliamentary Under Secretaries of State,

Department of Industry (Mr Marshall)

Department of Education and Science (Mr MacFarlane)

BRITISH MINISTERS WHO TRAVELLED TO PARIS FOR THE 1980 SUMMIT

Prime Minister

Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs ✓

Chancellor of the Exchequer ✓

Secretaries of State for Trade ✓

Industry ✓



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