

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO PARIS

The Elysée will make the following announcement at 1230 our time today:-

"At the invitation of the President of France, the British Prime Minister, Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, will pay a short visit to Paris on 5 June for talks and a working lunch."

We can confirm the Prime Minister's visit to Paris in the same terms at 1230.

Background

We do not yet know the precise composition of the party which will accompany the Prime Minister to Paris. But we know that Lord Carrington will definitely accompany Mrs. Thatcher and the FCO will confirm this, if asked.

I am trying to find out whether the Prime Minister has met Giscard before - she has certainly visited France as Leader of the Opposition.

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