



France

## 10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

16 May 1979

B/F 31-5-79

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO PARIS, 5 JUNE 1978<sup>9</sup>

As I told you on the telephone this morning, the Prime Minister would be very happy to accept the invitation which President Giscard d'Estaing conveyed to her through HM Ambassador in Paris on 10 May to pay a short one-day visit to Paris on an agreed date early in June. Of the dates mentioned by the French, Tuesday, 5 June, would suit the Prime Minister very well. It has proved possible for her to rearrange her other commitments on that day so that the whole day is now clear. The most suitable outline programme might include a session of talks before lunch, and another, perhaps shorter, concluding session in the afternoon. It would be convenient if the Prime Minister were able to return to London in time for dinner.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the Elysee to be informed of the Prime Minister's acceptance of President Giscard's invitation, and of her preference for 5 June. The Prime Minister will wish to keep the party travelling with her to an absolute minimum on this occasion: I should be grateful for early advice on the composition of its FCO element.

It would be helpful if briefing for the Prime Minister's talks with President Giscard could reach me not later than 1700 hours on Thursday, 31 May. I should also be grateful if our Embassy in Paris could confirm that there would be no question of speeches at the lunch which President Giscard is to give in the Prime Minister's honour: if there is any likelihood that the Prime Minister may be expected to respond to a toast, I should be grateful if draft speaking notes could accompany the briefs.

I should also be grateful for early advice on travel arrangements for the visit.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Martin Vile (Cabinet Office)

B. G. CARTLEDGE

cc Prime Minister Talks Abroad, May 1979  
 PM visit to Paris, Admin. Arrangements  
 Paul Lever, Esq.,  
 Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

BF on  
 Admin  
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PRIME MINISTER

cc Mr. Cartledge

Meeting with President Giscard d'Estaing

It seems the best day for you to go to Paris would be Tuesday 5 June. This would be possible but you do have the last European Press Conference that morning (I am trying to change the time from 1000 to 0930) which should last about 45 minutes and an audience with The Queen at 1830. However, if you do choose that date it means that you will be free from Wednesday 6 to Sunday 10 and for your information I attach a diary for the Whitsun Recess which will not make you very happy!

EJ.

15 May 1979

Is it possible for  
someone else to do  
the task well  
to do it in  
Wed. ?  
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RECESS DIARY

Friday 25 May

House rises

Saturday 26 May

Carol departs for Australia

Sunday 27 May & Monday 28 May

Free

Tuesday 29 May

1100

150th Anniversary of the Metropolitan Police Service

Wednesday 30 May

Morning

OD meeting

1500-1600

Tea Party in Hyde Park for International Year of the  
Child

1830

Audience

Thursday 31 May

Cabinet

Friday 1 June

Free

Saturday 2 June

European Youth Rally

Sunday 3 June

1900

Sir John and Lady Tilney's 25th Wedding Anniversary Party

Monday 4 June

Free

Tuesday 5 June

0930

Last European Press Conference

1830

Possible visit to Paris for lunch

Audience

Wednesday 6 June - Sunday 10 June

Free

Sunday 10 June

Glyndebourne with Patrick Hutber + D.T.