

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO PARIS, 5 JUNEProgramme

- 0730 Leave Downing Street.
0820 Depart Northolt. (HS 125).
1030 Arrive Orly (photocall).
1055 Arrive Elysée Palace (photocall).
1100 - 1230 Tête-à-tête talks with President Giscard.
1230 M. Barre, French Prime Minister and Lord Carrington join talks, plus officials.
1300 - 1450 Lunch given by French Government at Elysée Palace (guest list will be given nearer the time).
1450 Leave Elysée Palace, perhaps speaking briefly to French and other press representatives gathered in the courtyard of the Elysée Palace.
1500 Arrive British Embassy (by car) and give informal unattributable briefing to British journalists. The British Embassy Paris (Juliet Collings) is organising this and any British journalists wishing to be included should contact Juliet Collings.
1530 Leave Embassy for Orly Airport to fly to Orange (between Lyons and Marseilles).
1645 approx. Arrive Orange Airport. Drive to Tricastin (20 kms. from Orange).
1700 - 1800 Visit nuclear power plant at Tricastin, accompanied by a French Minister.
1800 Leave Tricastin for Orange Airport and fly direct to Northolt.
1900 approx. Arrive Northolt.

The Prime Minister expressed interest in visiting a nuclear power plant during her visit and this has therefore been arranged by the French. The Tricastin installation is a gaseous diffusion plant for uranium enrichment.

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Lord Carrington will accompany the Prime Minister. Apart from their Private Secretaries, there will be no other officials going out from London. The idea is to keep the party small as this is a brief, working visit.

AGENDA

There is no formal agenda for this visit. Various subjects will obviously be covered, including European questions. This is the Prime Minister's first visit to Paris since taking office and will enable Mrs. Thatcher and President Giscard to have a general exchange of views.

Mrs. Thatcher has met President Giscard before:-

Spring, 1975, when she visited France as Leader of the Opposition.

May, 1977, when she had a 90 minute meeting with Giscard during the Downing Street Summit.

PRESS ARRANGEMENTS


Accreditation for journalists to give them access during the visit is being organised by the Press Department at the Elysée. London-based correspondents wishing to be included in these arrangements should give their names to Juliet Collings at the Embassy, Paris.

There will be a photocall facility at Orly Airport on arrival. A second photocall on a pool basis is being arranged at the Elysée at 1055 and perhaps also just before lunch (BBC and ITN are included in the pool arrangements being coordinated by Juliet Collings).

The unattributable briefing at the Embassy at 1500 is for British correspondents only.

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There may be photo/TV facilities at the Tricastin nuclear plant. If this is confirmed, media representatives wishing to cover this leg of the visit will have to make their own arrangements. They will not be able to fly down to Tricastin on the PM's plane.

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