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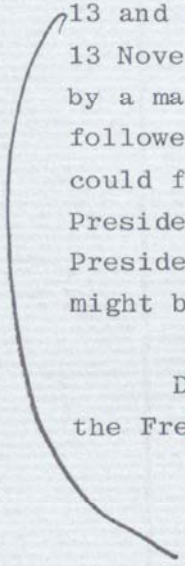
PRESIDENT GISCARD'S VISIT TO LONDON

You will see from the telegram below that President Giscard has now said that the dates we have proposed (some considerable time ago) for the next round of Anglo/French consultations in London, namely 5 and 6 November, are not convenient after all. He has proposed 12 and 13 November instead.

12 November is impossible for you as it is the date of the Lord Mayor's Banquet. If you agree, however, we could offer 13 and 14 November instead. The programme could begin at 1700 on 13 November, after Questions, with a tête-à-tête discussion followed by a major dinner at No. 10. There could be a plenary session followed by a press conference on the morning of 14 November and we could find out whether The Queen would be willing to give President Giscard lunch on that day. If she cannot, you could offer President Giscard a small informal lunch at No. 10 and The Queen might be able to give him tea.

Do you agree that we should put this alternative proposal to the French?

Yes.



No. Provisions necessary lapse on the 15th Nov. We could be having a very busy 2 days.

Yes.

14 August 1979

Monday 19 T à T + lunch + Plenary + Dinner
Tuesday 20 Short Talks + Press Conference.