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*From the Private Secretary*

28 May 1982

*Dear Francis*

VERSAILLES ECONOMIC SUMMIT:  
BILATERAL MEETINGS

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The Prime Minister has now had a chance to consider possibilities for bilateral discussions at Versailles, following your letter of 21 May.

She discussed her wish to have a bilateral with President Reagan with the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary this morning, and Christopher Mallaby has since agreed with Clive Whitmore the outline of instructions to be sent to Sir Nicholas Henderson asking him to approach the White House about such a meeting.

She would also like arrangements to be made for meetings with Chancellor Schmidt and Mr. Trudeau. She does not wish to set up a meeting with Mr. Suzuki, nor does she see grounds for making special arrangements with Signor Spadolini, President Mitterrand or Monsieur Martens.

*Yours ever*

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Dear John,

Prime Minister  
Could you indicate whether you want arrangements to be made in advance for any of those listed below. Perhaps Mr. Trudeau - and possibly Mr. Suzuki?  
✓ Ch. Schmidt -  
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Versailles Economic Summit: Bilateral Meetings

There will be opportunities during the Versailles Summit for the Prime Minister to have bilateral meetings with some or all of the participants. The following considerations are relevant:

- No Mr Suzuki: Opportunities for meetings with Mr Suzuki are rare, and there are many issues (bilateral and international) to discuss with him.
- Yes Chancellor Schmidt : The last bilateral meeting between the Prime Minister and Chancellor Schmidt was at the Anglo/German Summit on 19 March. They will meet twice more in June, at the NATO Summit in Bonn and at the European Council in Brussels.
- Yes Mr Trudeau: The Prime Minister was unable to accept the invitation to attend the ceremonies marking the Proclamation of the Canadian constitution in Ottawa last month and had had to defer visiting Canada, in response to an earlier separate invitation from Mr Trudeau, until the end of this year or more likely next year. The Canadians have been very supportive over the Falklands.
- Sr Spadolini: He too will be at the NATO Summit and the European Council. The Anglo/Italian Summit is scheduled for 7 July.
- President Mitterrand: Was in London on 17 May. He is due to attend the dinner in Bonn on the eve of the NATO Summit, but not the meeting itself. He will be at the European Council.

/M Martens





M Martens: The Belgian Presidency expires on 30 June, immediately after the European Council. Among our smaller European partners, Belgium has been conspicuously staunch over the Falklands.

President Reagan: He is of course due to be in Britain from 7 to 9 June and at the NATO Summit thereafter.

We shall prepare contingency briefs for all of these in case they are needed. If there is any Head of State or Government whom the Prime Minister particularly wants to see privately, eg Mr Suzuki, we could arrange a time in advance. The Prime Minister may have a special need to talk to the leaders from EC countries, depending on the outcome of the meetings of EC Foreign Ministers on May 24 and 25.

*Yours over,*

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