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President - Nutterard Mon 23 March

1 Not going to Moscow with great expectations.

2. Purpose (i) - to stress cont. firmness and unity of Alliance.

Shall not weaken our defence because of - a few  
uninteresting speeches from Th. G.

G. won't divide Europe from U.S.

3. Purpose (ii) - Make own assessment of G's intentions

and prospects of succeeding with his plans for  
reform.

4. Purpose (iii) Arms control not only issue in EW relations

Success in reducing weapons only come from

hard negotiation AND whether judging from

their deeds one can have more confidence

+ trust that their external policies will be

less repressive. This not likely unless

internal policies more tolerant. Western Block.

We do not seek possession of anyone else's territory  
(have spent last 1/2 century fighting it.)

Not to compel people to adopt any particular political system.  
We seek only to persuade not to force.



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5 Purpose (iv)

Detailed arms control position.

a) Defence of West - for next 15-20 years will depend on nuclear deterrent.

Camp David agreement - essential framework  
French - British nuclear deterrent not involved in negotiations  
b) INF - Bear in mind terms of deployment -

- have to accept zero/zero

provided constraints on shorter range

where USSR has great advantage

and follow-on capabilities

Beware (i) Th. G. trying to go down road to denuclearisation of Europe. Good for him bad for West.

(ii) differences of geography and then total superiority in conventional & chemical could then leave Europe at serious disadvantage.

∴ WEST must formulate quickly its position for follow-on negotiations. Short range weapons (under 500 km) must be limited to reduction in conventional forces.





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b Space Issues / Strategic weapons.

Suggest U.S. sets out timetable  
for S&D research - development [there will be actual  
constraints on how fast the programme can go in any event]  
This will give a period of predictability.

Followed by a period of negotiations on deployment -  
∴ no deployment for X years.

N.B. U.S.S.R. doing lot of research on own  
ABM system including lasers + electronic  
pulse weapons, has anti satellite system  
already in place.

All this would allow time to negotiate on  
strategic weapons (incl Brit. ins. nuclear deterrent)

West's configuration of weaponry has never been  
for first strike - only for second strike

[how ground-based nos.

Few hard targets. They have 3 warheads  
to every hard target - they have the  
advantage of geography ~~the~~



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Other matters.

1. European Council in June

Above matters should be properly prepared by Foreign Ministers to enable us to discuss them there. Not special Council - difficulties with Ireland or Denmark.

2. Review of Community Finances

Importance of Britain, France, Germany

working together to visit on

financial discipline. No question of

us putting on a review to Parliament

this year. Review not due until

Jan 1988 - and then no certainly of

review.

3. Hostages in Lebanon. Must stand firm.





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Mitterand. We concentrated on the INF negotiations with the consequences for shorter range. Wish to keep some shorter-range - better for deterrence in Europe than a 0-0 arrangement. Must work out detailed position soon.

- Dismissed a) Chad - Recent Libyan reverse. Q could now order terrorist attacks in Europe shortly.
- b) Belarus - hostages - must stand firm. Time limit for French hostage expires tomorrow evening.
- c) French/U.K talks on air-launch missiles (dev. by French) - Non committed.
- d) Europe - he not really prepared to tackle Ag. problem in Europe. Some money would be needed.

General background to Moscow talks - He believes

Th. G. prepared to go a very long way to change the system - "when you change the form, you are on the way to changing the substance". - Discuss policy as well as home.

Also talked at length about attempt to "denude" Europe (other than for U.K. (1% deterrent) and its possible consequences



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Chancellor Kohl.

Review especially, review of community finances  
Delors ideas - impractical.

Not be ready to reach conclusions  
at European Council in June.

Also - candidature of Mr. Williamson for  
post of Sec. Gen. to Commission.

Mr. Keizer (F.R.G.) to be  
D.G. of External Relations.





Jean-François Millet (1814-1875)

Musée du Louvre

Château de Bénouville

*Déjeuner*

*offert par*

*Monsieur François Mitterrand  
Président de la République*

*en l'honneur de*

*Son Excellence Madame Margaret Thatcher  
Premier Ministre de Grande-Bretagne*

*Lundi 23 Mars 1987*



*Homard au cidre*

*Flan de canette à l'emburrée de choux*

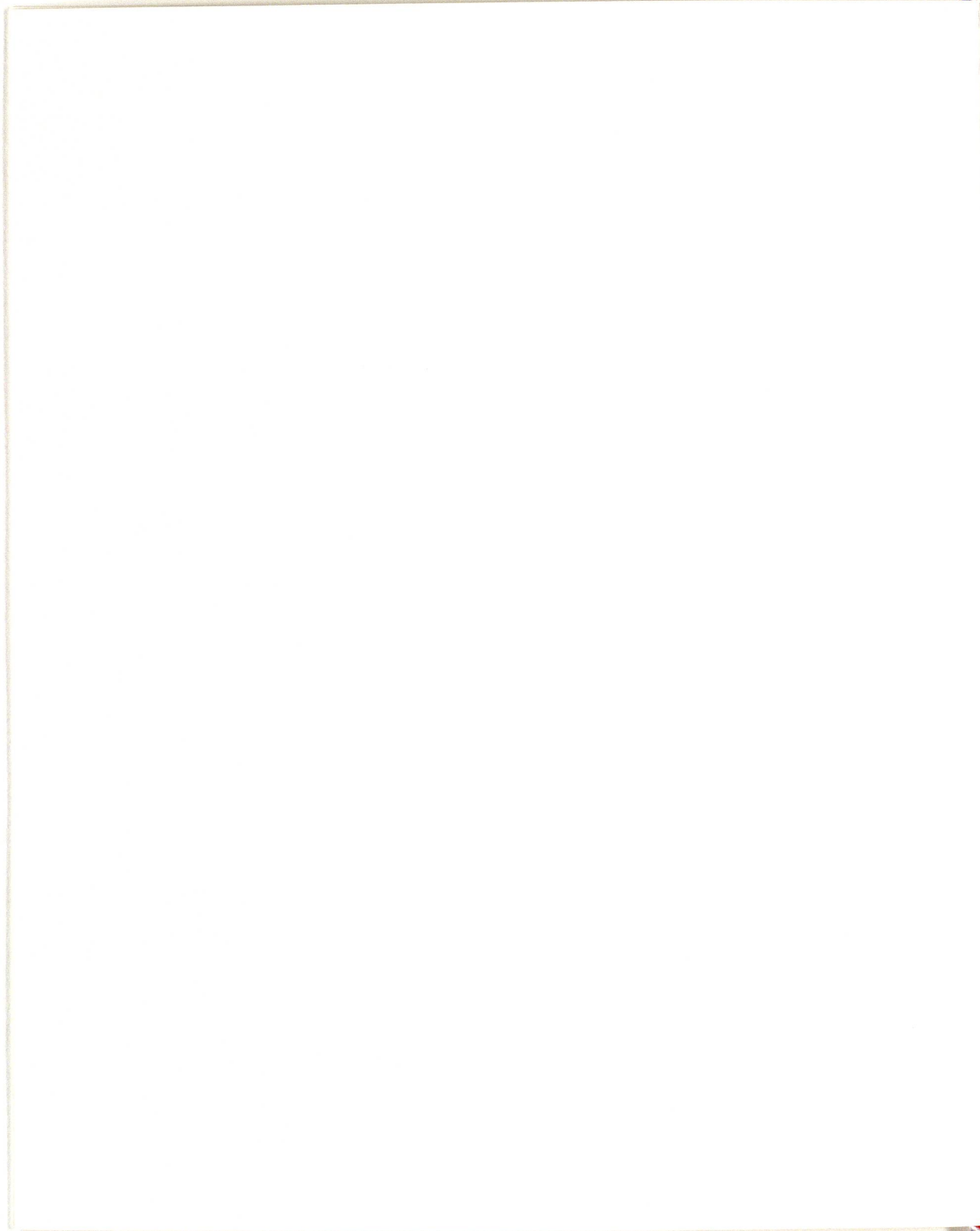
*Plateau de fromages*

*Soufflé glacé au calvados*

*Puligny Montrachet "Les Folatières" 1983 (Maroslavac)*

*Château Léoville Poyferri 1976*

*Champagne Laurent-Perrier Cuvée Grand Siècle*





« Petite paysanne assise au pied d'une meule »

*Crayon noir, sur papier beige. H. 0,335 ; L. 0,265  
En bas, à gauche, marque de l'atelier de l'artiste*

Cette étude, exécutée peu après l'installation de Millet à Barbizon en 1849, a été acquise par la Société des Amis du Louvre à la vente de la collection Henri Rouart en 1912, pour être offerte au Cabinet des Dessins.