



10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

3 March 1981

Dear Lord Thomson,

Thank you for your letter of 17 February.

I am very pleased to hear that the next Franco British Council will be held in Edinburgh and that it is planned for the weekend of 14-16 May, 1982.

I shall be delighted to attend a part of it but will not be able to make a major speech as I shall be addressing the Conservative Scottish Conference in Perth on the evening of Friday 14th. I could come to Edinburgh on the morning of Saturday 15th.

This is really to let you know that I have pencilled the dates into my diary and will let you have a definitive reply after I have seen the programme.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Delisle

The Right Honourable
The Lord Thomson of Monifieth

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cc David Neilands,
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MRS. DICKSON

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We spoke. Lily

SCOTTISH CONFERENCE 1982

The Prime Minister is going to have to attend something called the Franco-British Council which is going to be held in Edinburgh the same weekend as the Scottish Conference, i.e. 14-16 May 1982. Can you ask the powers that be whether it will still be convenient for the Prime Minister to address the Conference on the Friday evening as she really should go to Edinburgh on the Saturday?

ES.

You can tell
how why.

24 February 1981

23 February 1981

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you for your letter of 17 February. This is receiving attention and a reply will be sent as soon as possible.

CAROLINE STEPHENS

The Rt. Hon. The Lord Thomson of Monifieth

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It would be helpful if you
could take this on. It need not be
such a major speech as last
time.

- 1. MR ALEXANDER
- 2. PRIME MINISTER

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The attached letter from Lord Thomson of Monifieth invites you to attend the 1982 Franco British Council which is being planned for the weekend of 14-16 May 1982 in Edinburgh. This is the same weekend as the Scottish Conference so from a logistical point of view suits well, but it does commit you to two speeches during the course of one weekend. You ought to be aware that a fortnight before you have a major speech in Strasbourg to the Council for Europe and two weeks after the Women's Conference.

ES.

I don't want
to have to make
major speech - but
will go. not

23 February 1981



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THE RT. HON. THE LORD THOMSON OF MONIFIETH

Chairman

17th February 1981

Dear Prime Minister

I am writing to let you know that the next major conference of the Franco British Council is being planned for the weekend of May 14th to 16th, 1982 in Edinburgh. This will be the return match for the Bordeaux Conference where you made such a splendid speech. Since we are acting as hosts, it is important that our conference should be at least as significant and successful as its predecessor. I am writing at this early stage to express the hope that you will feel able, at least in principle, to fit the dates into your diary.

Yours sincerely,
Peter

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