

Prime Minister

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① Lunch will be more convenient for you than dinner. You are free. Agree?

Yes not

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

② I think you will want to speak for 10 minutes or so at the Edinburgh dinner, on the assumption that Harvey does too. Agree?

17 February 1982

Dear John,

③ I am still working on Holyrood etc.

A.J.C. 17/2

Visit of M Mauroy

Thank you for your letter of 8 February setting out the Prime Minister's thinking on arrangements for the Franco-British Council Conference in Edinburgh and the associated visit of M Mauroy.

You asked us to forward to Paris a formal invitation from the Prime Minister for talks and dinner. Before we had a chance to send the letter on, we learnt from the French Ambassador that M Mauroy would, after all, find it difficult if not impossible to stay on in London until late on Monday 17 May. The Embassy in Paris have since confirmed this point with the Matignon. In the circumstances, it might prove most convenient to all concerned if the talks with M Mauroy were to take place on the morning only of Monday 17 May and were then to be followed by a lunch at which the Prime Minister would be host. M Mauroy could then leave for Paris in the mid-afternoon.

I should be grateful if you could confirm that the Prime Minister would be content to proceed on this basis. In the circumstances we do not think that another letter of invitation will be necessary.

Incidentally, we noted that the Prime Minister wished to keep lunch and the afternoon of Saturday 15 May free to work on her speech for the dinner that evening. We had previously understood that her intention had been to say no more than a few words at the dinner because she would have made a major speech on the preceding evening in Perth. I should be grateful if you could confirm whether she now intends to speak at greater length to the Franco-British Council Conference.

There is no part in going unless she says something 10-11 min for me. We cannot continue our quest for that limited time. It is making the effort to come & should speak longer - not

Yours over.

(F N Richards)  
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq  
10 Downing Street

Francis Richards

11 FEB 1963



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PRIME MINISTER

Visit of M. Mauroy

The present plan is that you should hold talks with him at 1100 on 17 May, followed by lunch.

This would involve talking for nearly two hours. But he speaks little English and we shall have to use an interpreter (which will cut the effective talking time considerably); he will probably expect a substantial exchange on economic policy in France and Britain and on many other issues; and since our contacts with him have been few there is good reason to allow plenty of time. Are you content with the arrangements or would you prefer the talks to start at 1130?

surely 11.30 will be soon enough.

ms

A.J.C.

19 February 1982

Mr Wintour

1 hour P.M.

Ed: .

a) online Edinburgh  
after Sat. lunchtime.  
W stay Bute Ave

With the Compliments

of the

Private Secretary

depart 11:15  
Wed Sunday  
after. No  
Church.

- agree?
1. Mr Coles
  2. Mrs Stephens

By all means try 1.

Scottish Office,  
Dover House,  
Whitehall,

a) - c) about the Prince  
Minnie, but my guess is  
that she will want to go  
London SW1A 2AU. to St Coles on

Sunday morning + then have  
to stay in Holywell House  
on Saturday night. Ask Min



Caroline

Can we do a lunch  
instead of a dinner if  
we have to?

~~John~~ h.a. 11. A.S.C. 11.

Yes - no problem. Will  
keep John free.  
el 11/2

Francis Richards. 11.2.82.

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TELEGRAM NUMBER 81 OF 10 FEBRUARY

GLADSTONE'S LETTER OF 22 JANUARY VISIT OF M MAUROY

1. FRENCH AMBASSADOR HAS TOLD THE PUS THAT M MAUROY'S REGULAR EARLY TUESDAY MORNING MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT MEANS THAT HE WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY IN ACCEPTING AN INVITATION FROM THE PM TO REMAIN IN LONDON FOR DINNER ON 17 MAY.
2. GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD CONFIRM THE ABOVE WITH MATIGNON BEFORE WE RECOMMEND TO NO 10 THAT THE PRIME MINISTER OFFER LUNCH TO M MAUROY.

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