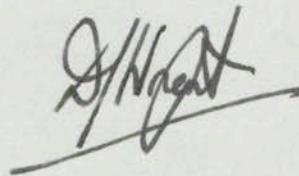



CONFIDENTIALMR. COLES

I spoke to you about President Mitterrand's wish to visit London to discuss with the Prime Minister the preparations for the Versailles Summit. When we spoke, the French had in mind a visit on 11th May. I understand that this was unlikely to be acceptable, but in any event the French Ambassador has now told us that President Mitterrand would like to make his visit to London on Monday, 17th May. You will recall that 17th May is the final day of the visit which the French Prime Minister, Monsieur Mauroy, is paying to Britain to attend the Franco-British Council conference in Edinburgh. The French Ambassador suggested that if it were acceptable for President Mitterrand to come to London on 17th May, he might attend the lunch which the Prime Minister is at the moment planning to give for Monsieur Mauroy. This would of course mean making the President the guest of honour and it would also be necessary for a slot to be found in the Prime Minister's diary. Unless the talks with the President are to replace those with Monsieur Mauroy, they will presumably need to follow lunch. It would be for the President to decide whether to ask Monsieur Mauroy to stay on for the talks about the Versailles Summit.

2. I should be grateful if you could let me know whether a visit at that time would be acceptable. I will then inform the French. A copy of this minute goes to Brian Fall.



Robert Armstrong

(approved by Sir R. Armstrong
and signed on his behalf)

28th April 1982

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*cc fcs
bc Miss Stephens
Mrs Goodchild
France*



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

VISITS OF PRESIDENT MITTERRAND AND M. MAUROY

Thank you for your minute of 20 April which the Prime Minister saw, together with connected papers, over the weekend.

The Prime Minister would like the arrangements for these two visits to be clarified as soon as possible (it may be that Mitterrand's staff are unaware of Mauroy's plans). She would therefore be grateful if you would ring M. Attali and say that she would be delighted to see both the President and the Prime Minister on 17 May, that she could offer talks from 1130 until 1300, followed by lunch and if necessary a continuation of talks for a while in the afternoon. You could then ask the French how they would like to use this time. We need a very early reply in order to be able to make adequate arrangements, especially for the lunch.

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I am sending a copy of this minute to Brian Fall (FCO).

AK

4 May 1982

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

4 May 1982

VISIT OF M. MAUROY

Thank you for your letter of 30 April.

The Prime Minister agrees to meet M. Mauroy on his arrival at Turnhouse Airport at 1400 hours. Mrs. Thatcher also agrees to have a short private meeting with M. Mauroy at Hopetoun House at 1945 hours so that they can go to the Reception together.

The Prime Minister is content with the suggested agenda for her talks with M. Mauroy except that she would rather avoid the Channel Fixed Link item, on which she considers we have nothing to say at the present time.

I have minuted separately to Sir Robert Armstrong, with a copy to Brian Fall, about the confusion caused by President Mitterrand's wish to visit London on 17 May.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Muir Russell (Scottish Office).

A. J. COLES

Francis Richards, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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PRIME MINISTER

Visits of President Mitterrand and M. Mauroy

We are in a slightly confused position.

You long ago agreed to hold talks with, and give lunch to, the French Prime Minister on 17 May.

President Mitterrand has just said that he would like to visit London on 17 May, as part of his series of informal visits to Capitals in connection with preparations for the Versailles Summit.

It is not at all certain that President Mitterrand's officials are aware of M. Mauroy's plans.

I suggest that Sir Robert Armstrong should ring M. Attali and say that you would be delighted to see both the President and the Prime Minister on 17 May, that you could offer talks from 1130 - 1300, lunch, and if necessary a continuation of talks for a while in the afternoon. How would the French like to use this time?

This may produce the reply that, in view of the President's visit, the Prime Minister will not come or that he will leave after talks with you in the morning. But I think we can only leave it to the French to sort out the confusion they have caused.

Yes
not
Agree that we should proceed in this way?

As you know, you will be seeing M. Mauroy in Edinburgh on Saturday, 15 May (in connection with the Conference of the Franco-British Council). There are a few points for decision:

Yes
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a) Do you agree to meet him on his arrival at Turnhouse Airport at 1400 hours?

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b) Do you agree to have a short private meeting with M. Mauroy at Hopetoun House at 1945 hours so that you can go to the Reception which will precede the Conference Dinner together?

yes
no

On the assumption that M. Mauroy does have talks with you on 17 May, do you agree with the proposed agenda at Flag A?

A.F.C.

I would

rather keep off

the 'Channel Tunnel'

item. We have

nothing to say on

this at present

no

30 April 1982

France
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

30 April 1982

Dear John,

Visit of M Mauroy

Thank you for your letter of 26 April. I apologise for the confusion which arose. We have now agreed with Muir Russell that my letter to you of the same date should stand, as it covers some additional points. I enclose a copy for ease of reference, with a slightly revised telegram setting out the agenda.

We have just heard that President Mitterand would like to join the Prime Ministers for lunch on Monday 17 May to discuss the Versailles Summit. I understand that Sir Robert Armstrong is submitting direct to the Prime Minister. The FCO warmly welcome the President's visit for a type of informal consultation which we have tried to encourage in the past.

There may well be repercussions on the programme of talks with M Mauroy, and the President will wish to take on at least that part of the first item on the proposed agenda which deals with the Versailles Summit. However, until French plans are clearer I think we should push ahead in offering a comprehensive agenda to M Mauroy. (the telegram to Paris has been adjusted to take account of developments). I hope that the Prime Minister's programme on 17 May will allow of a certain flexibility to accommodate the added complications of the President's presence.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Muir Russell (Scottish Office) and to David Wright (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever,



(F N Richards)
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq
10 Downing Street

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13	London, - subject to President Mitterrand's plans (my telno 203).
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15	- <u>The International Economic Situation</u> and the
16	Versailles Summit (for joint discussion with
17	M Mauroy and the President).
18	- UK and French Domestic Economies.
19	ii) <u>Community Issues:</u>
20	- <u>30 May Mandate</u> (if decisions have not been reached
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22	- Economic Relations with Japan.
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24	- <u>Channel Fixed Link</u> , including a joint statement if
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VISIT OF MONSIEUR MAUROY: PRIME MINISTER OF FRANCE
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1750 Arrive Hotel

1920 Depart Hotel

1945 Arrive Elopetoun House

1945 - 2000 Private Meeting with the Prime Minister

2000 Reception

2030 - 2300 approx Dinner

Return to hotel

SUNDAY 16 MAY

0930 Depart Hotel
Tour of Edinburgh - scenic drive to Scone Palace
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1145 - 1215 Tour of Scone Palace

1215 - 1415 Luncheon at Scone Palace
Hosted by the Lord Mansfield

1330 Depart by helicopter for St Fergus

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Private Dinner

MONDAY 17 MAY

1130 Talks with Mrs Thatcher at No 10 Downing Street

1300 Lunch at No 10 Downing Street

PM Depart mid-afternoon for Paris



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

26 April 1982

Dear John,

Visit of M. Mauroy

M. Mauroy will be visiting the UK on 15 - 17 May to address the Franco-British Council Conference with the Prime Minister in Edinburgh, to spend some time visiting Scotland, and for talks and lunch with the Prime Minister in London on 17 May. I attach at Annex A a suggested agenda in the form of a draft telegram to Paris which we will despatch if the Prime Minister agrees. We will simultaneously put the agenda to the French Embassy. It has been agreed with the Cabinet Office that the FCO will coordinate the briefing, which will reach you by 13 May.

The draft programme for M. Mauroy's visit is at Annex B. As you will see, he is planning to arrive at Edinburgh's Turnhouse Airport at 1400 on 15 May. The previous French Prime Minister met Mrs Thatcher on her arrival in Bordeaux for the Conference there in 1980. I should be grateful if you would ask the Prime Minister whether she would be prepared to meet M. Mauroy on his arrival at Turnhouse. It would also be helpful to know if she would prefer a short private meeting with M. Mauroy at the airport or before the evening reception (as indicated at Annex B).

M. Mauroy has changed his mind about accommodation and will not now be staying with the GOC Scotland but at the Caledonian Hotel with the delegates to the Conference.

Mr Pym will have addressed the Conference Dinner on 14 May, as will the French Foreign Minister. On the British side, the Ministerial delegates to the Conference will be Mr Douglas Hurd, Mr Bruce-Gardyne, Mr Rees and Mr Mellor. On the French side we expect M. Rocard (Minister of Planning), M. Chevenement (Minister for Research and Technology) and M. Chandernagor (Minister in charge of European Affairs). M. Chandernagore has said that M. Mauroy may ask him to accompany him to the talks with the Prime Minister in London on 17 May. I shall let you know if M. Mauroy decides to bring him or another Minister. We could then decide which British Minister might most appropriately accompany the Prime Minister. (Both Mr Pym and M. Cheysson will be at a NATO Ministerial meeting).

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I have sent you separately a draft guest list for the Prime Minister's lunch on 17 May.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Private Secretaries to Mr Bruce-Gardyne, Mr Rees and Mr Mellor as well as to David Wright at the Cabinet Office.

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Francis Richards', written in dark ink.

(F N Richards)
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq
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From the Private Secretary

26 April 1982

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VISIT OF M. MAUROY

I have today received letters from both you and Muir Russell about the above event. To some extent they cover the same ground and pose similar questions. It would be very much easier, especially in current circumstances, if I could have a single letter, agreed by all the departments concerned, which could form a basis for seeking decisions from the Prime Minister. I wonder, therefore, whether you could kindly have a word with Muir Russell and either let me know that only one of the letters referred to is to stand or provide a further agreed letter.

A. J. COLES

F. N. Richards, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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SCOTTISH OFFICE
WHITEHALL, LONDON SW1A 2AU

A J Coles Esq
Private Secretary
10 Downing Street
London SW1

26 April 1982

Dear John,

WEEKEND OF 15/16 MAY: FRANCO-BRITISH CONFERENCE: VISIT OF
M MAUROY

It is perhaps time to bring you up to date with the arrangements as we now understand them, following a number of discussions we have had with Senator Pontillon, the French Ambassador, and Lord Polwarth representing the Franco-British Council.

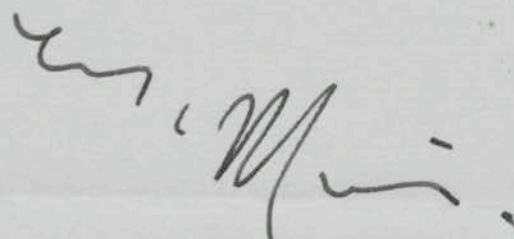
We now expect that M Mauroy will arrive in Edinburgh early in the afternoon of Saturday 15 May and that he will stay at the Caledonian Hotel, rather than at Gogarbank as earlier envisaged. He will spend the Sunday relaxing in Scotland as a guest of HMG and following an itinerary which will include lunch with Lord Mansfield at Scone followed by a short flight round north-east Scotland and a reception with the French Community in Aberdeen. He will then fly direct from Aberdeen to London in time to dine with the French Ambassador on Sunday evening.

Two issues arise which I should draw particularly to your attention. I doubt if firm decisions on them will be possible at present, but it would be helpful to have any indication you can give of the Prime Minister's preliminary views.

- (1) Who should greet M Mauroy when he lands in Edinburgh? We understand that when Mrs Thatcher went to Bordeaux she was greeted by the then French Prime Minister, and the French Ambassador has indicated that he hopes that the protocol followed at Bordeaux will be respected in Edinburgh. The practicability of this will depend to some extent on the timing of the Prime Minister's journey from Perth to Edinburgh: we can perhaps consider the whole question once we know the timing of M Mauroy's arrival. In the meantime I should say that because of his other commitments of which you are already aware, it is very unlikely that the Secretary of State for Scotland would be able to be present to greet M Mauroy.

- (2) What arrangements should be made for the two Prime Ministers to meet in advance of the Hopetoun House dinner? We expect Mrs Thatcher to be in Bute House during the Saturday afternoon and a meeting could, in theory take place there. But M Mauroy is expecting to give a reception on board a French naval vessel in Leith in the early evening and his schedule will therefore be rather tight. This may therefore suggest that it would be preferable for the two Prime Ministers to meet in a private room in Hopetoun House. We can perhaps sort this out once we have firm details of the other fixed points in the programme.

Foreign Office officials have been kept in the picture on all this. Would Francis Richards, to whom I am copying this letter, please note that my Secretary of State's offer of accommodation for Mr Pym at Bute House still stands - I understand that Mr Younger had a word with Mr Pym about it some days ago. I would be glad to know if, subject to all the present uncertainties, Mr Pym would wish to stay in Bute House on Friday 14 or Saturday 15 May.


A MUIR RUSSELL
Private Secretary

26 APR 1982



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