

PRIME MINISTER

PARIS ECONOMIC SUMMIT: BICENTENARY

The attached letter raises two points for decision:

- attendance on 13 July. You have agreed now to arrive in time for lunch, holding Cabinet earlier in the week. The Ambassador now points out this would still mean missing the Trocadero Ceremony at 1200. This is a solemn programme, with a reading of the 1789 Declaration of Human Rights and some music. At the moment all other Heads of State and Government will be present except President Bush (on present plans). The questions are: shall we negotiate a joint position with President Bush, ie. both stay away or both attend? Are you prepared to make the earlier start from London which attendance at the ceremony would require (about 0815)?

Yes

Yes

- Bilaterals. You are already booked to have breakfast with Mr. Gandhi on 14 July. There is now time for more bilaterals on the afternoon of 13 July. The FCO's recommendations are:

President Bush (to co-ordinate before the Summit)

Mr. Uno (largely a formal meeting)

President Aquino (as a substitute for her planned visit here).

President Salinas (because Mexico is important)

President Mubarak (because you missed him in April).

Are you prepared to take on this daunting number of meetings?

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Yes

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From the Private Secretary

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In the light of the latest information from Paris about attendance by other Heads of State and Government at President Mitterrand's lunch on 13 July, the Prime Minister has decided that she will after all fly to Paris that morning in time to attend the lunch. Cabinet will be moved to 12 July and the Lord President will take Questions on 13 July. I should be grateful if the French Government could be informed and the necessary changes made to the travel arrangements.

I am copying this letter to Alex Allan (H M Treasury).

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