

PRIME MINISTER

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BILATERAL WITH THE FOREIGN SECRETARY

You have a bilateral with the Foreign Secretary tomorrow afternoon. He does not have very much to raise but is nonetheless anxious to go ahead with it.

The specific points he wishes to bring up are:

- Governor of Bermuda. You saw the papers last night and agreed to see Premier Swan of Bermuda in order to convince him that General Langley is the right choice.

Other points which you might like to touch on are:

- OECD Ministerial Meeting. He will have been at the OECD Ministerial meeting and may have some points to report which could be relevant to the Summit, particularly in relation to the GATT negotiations. You may like to quiz him whether any communiqué language was agreed on exchange rate stability.
- Message to Mr. Gorbachev. You probably ought to send a message to Mr. Gorbachev before the Summit. I understand from my contacts with the Soviet Ambassador that he is expecting one. You have seen a draft (but not yet the Foreign Office one) which gives some indication of the issues which might be covered.
- Possible visit to the United States in the autumn. You may like to mention the indications we have received that the President will invite you to pay a visit to Washington in October/November. I think you would have

to make clear that you would want to see both Vice-President Bush and Mr. Dukakis if you went on such a visit.

- Meeting with President Mitterrand. We should try and make something of this and exploit the advantage you have already gained by your telephone call and rapid agreement to a meeting. One possibility would be for the two of you to instruct your Ministers, military staffs and officials to study possible steps in Anglo-French defence cooperation, in the context of strengthening the collective defence of Europe as a whole.

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