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*Dear Charles,*Anglo-French Summit: 29-30 November

Although minds are concentrated at present on President Mitterrand's State Visit rather than on the next Summit, we are now at the stage at which we should consider with the French both the programme of the Summit and Ministerial participation. It is for the French to make proposals on both counts.

The French have not yet focussed on the programme, but it seems likely to follow the traditional pattern: late afternoon arrival on the first day, tete-a-tete, dinner; with the formal talks and plenary the following morning, lunch and press conference. The Prime Minister will need plenty of time to go on to Avignon for the Franco-British Council conference.

Firm recommendations will only be possible when the French make their proposals on participation and agenda. Apart from the Foreign Secretary and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Secretaries of State for Trade and Industry and for Defence and the Minister of Agriculture normally attend. We would particularly hope that if he is well enough, Mr Tebbit will be able to take part. He has not met Mme Cresson since she took on her current portfolio (Industrial Redeployment and Foreign Trade), which closely matches his own; there is much that they could usefully discuss, especially in the field of industrial collaboration.

I think we should also bear in mind, apart from those mentioned above, the possibility of a meeting at the Summit by the Home Secretary and M. Joxe, the French Minister of the Interior. M. Joxe is accompanying President Mitterrand during the State Visit, but it is unlikely that there will be time then for anything more than a brief call on Mr Brittan. A further possibility would be the Secretary of State for Energy, or his Minister of State: there are a number of topics of current interest in this area.

I shall let you know when the French make their own intentions known. In the meantime the Private Offices of those Ministers concerned may wish to keep Ministerial diaries free for 29-30 November.

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*Yours ever,*

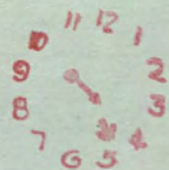
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*From the Private Secretary*

ANGLO- FRENCH SUMMIT: 29/30 November

Thank you for your letter of 17 October. I am not seeking the Prime Minister's views at this stage. But I see no reason to depart from the normal pattern of these summits. As regards the possible participation of the Home Secretary and the Secretary of State for Energy, the Prime Minister will want to know their own views.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office), David Peretz (HM Treasury), Richard Mottram (Ministry of Defence), Hugh Taylor (Home Office), Callum McCarthy (Department of Trade and Industry), Ivor Llewellyn (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food) and to Michael Reidy (Department of Energy).

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ANGLO-FRENCH SUMMIT: 29-30 NOVEMBER

You copied to Ivor Llewelyn in this office your letter to Charles Powell about arrangements for this Summit.

Although we appreciate that firm recommendations can only be possible when the French have made their proposals, Mr Jopling would certainly wish to put in a bid to be present. By the end of November, we shall be getting close to the time when thinking in the Community will crystallise on the issues to be confronted at the next Agricultural price fixing. A discussion between Mr Jopling and Monsieur Rocard could prove very useful at that stage.

✓ I am copying this letter to Charles Powell at No.10.

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Dear Len

ANGLO FRENCH SUMMIT: 29-30 NOVEMBER

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of 17 October to Charles Powell about the arrangements for this Summit.

My Secretary of State would like to participate in this Summit. Whilst bilateral energy relations are not currently giving rise to concern, he would like to meet Mme Cresson, whom he knows well, in her new role. The Summit will provide a convenient opportunity to do so.

Mr Walker would be free to fly to France in the afternoon of 29 November. However, he would need to return to London in time for an evening engagement in Manchester on 30 November. If the programme works out as envisaged in paragraph 2 of your letter, this should not cause any problems.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Charles Powell (No 10), Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office), David Peretz (Treasury), Hugh Taylor (Home Office), Richard Mottram (Ministry of Defence), Callum McCarthy (Department of Trade & Industry) and Ivor Llewellyn (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food).

Your sincerely  
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