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Dear Charles,

Anglo-French Summit: 18 November

Thank you for your letters of 4 and 11 November about arrangements for the Anglo-French Summit.

I attach the latest version of the programme (Annex A) together with the latest envisaged attendance on each side (Annex B). As you will see, there are three Ministers on the French side we have had difficulty "pairing up". Mr Lawson intends to attend the ECOFIN meeting that day to discuss M. Delors' monetary proposals. The French Embassy have told us that M. Beregovoy understands this and will not be coming. M. Mexandeau and M. Malvy have been proposed by the French as replacements for Mme Cresson (Trade and Industry Minister) who cannot now attend. M. Mexandeau's normal opposite number would be Mr Pattie, who will be occupied with M. Curien, and Mr Buchanan-Smith who would normally act as M. Malvy's interlocutor, has a prior engagement in Edinburgh. If we ask the French to stand down all three Ministers, the Summit could appear rather light on the Economic/Industrial side. The French have made it clear that they particularly want M. Malvy to come, although they are less worried about M. Mexandreau. It would clearly be awkward to have a French Minister without matching British Minister. We propose to stand down M. Mexandreau anyway, and would be grateful for your views on the Malvy problem.

The only other differences between the current list and that proposed in Colin Budd's letter of 1 November are the deletion of Culture Ministers (M. Lang/Mr Luce) and the addition of Ministers for European Affairs (Mme Lalumiere/Mr Rifkind). We recommend agreement to these changes.

I also attach lists of our suggestions for attendance at the plenary session (Annex C), press conference (Annex D) and lunch (Annex E).

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Sir John Fretwell has asked particularly to attend the press conference as the French Ambassador will be there. This is the only exception we recommend to your suggestion that UK officials abstain altogether.

Yes ever,

Peter Ricketts

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Private Secretary

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ANGLO-FRENCH SUMMIT: 18 NOVEMBER

PROGRAMME

Monday 18 November

- 07.30 French Ministers and Officials arrive
RAF Northolt
Met by FCO Representative
Leave by car for French Embassy
- 08.30 President Mitterrand arrives RAF
Northolt
Welcomed by Prime Minister
Leave by car for No 10 Downing Street
- 09.00 Arrive at No 10 Downing Street
Tête-a-tête between the Prime Minister
and President Mitterrand
In parallel, bilateral meetings between
Ministers at the respective Ministries
- 10.30 Prime Minister and President Mitterrand
joined by Foreign Ministers
- 10.55 Other participating Ministers arrive
at No 10 Downing Street
- 11.00 Plenary session
- 11.45 Prime Minister and President Mitterrand
leave for No 12 Downing Street. Other
Ministers continue bilateral discussions
or make other arrangements as appropriate.
- 12.00 Joint press conference at No 12 Downing St
- 12.40 Prime Minister and President Mitterrand
return to No 10 Downing Street. Rejoined
by other participating Ministers.
- 12.45 ~~for~~ 13.00 Working lunch at No 10 Downing Street
- 14.30 President Mitterrand and his Ministers
leave No 10 Downing Street. Prime Minister
bids farewell.
[POSSIBLE VISIT TO CABINET WAR ROOMS]
- 15.00 President Mitterrand arrives at

Buckingham Palace

Audience with Her Majesty The Queen.

Other Ministers depart RAF Northolt.

An FCO Representative bids farewell.

15.30 approx

President Mitterrand leaves Buckingham

Palace by car for RAF Northolt.

16.00

President Mitterrand departs RAF

Northolt.

Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary

bids farewell

Cabinet Minister

POSSIBLE MINISTERIAL PARTICIPATION

France

M Roland Dumas
Minister for External Relations

M Paul Quiles
Minister for Defence

M Jean Auroux
Minister for Transport

M Pierre Joxe
Minister for Interior and
Decentralisation

M Hubert Curien
Minister for Research and
Technology

Mme Catherine Lalumière
State Secretary (junior minister)
for European Affairs

? M Martin Malvy
State Secretary for Energy

UK

Sir Geoffrey Howe MP
Secretary of State for Foreign
and Commonwealth Affairs

Mr Michael Heseltine MP
Secretary of State for Defence

Mr Nicholas Ridley MP
Secretary of State for Transport

Mr Douglas Hurd MP
Secretary of State for
the Home Department

Mr Geoffrey Pattie MP
Minister of State for Industry
and Information Technology

Mr Malcolm Rifkind
Minister of State for Foreign
and Commonwealth Affairs

PARTICIPATION AT THE PLENARY

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M Paul Quilès
Minister for Defence

M Jean Auroux
Minister for Transport

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Minister for Research and
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? M Martin Malvy
State Secretary for Energy

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M Hubert Vedrine
Technical Adviser in the
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Cabinet Secretary

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Ambassador in Paris

Sir Antony Acland
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French Ambassador

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Secretary of State
Ministry of Defence

Notetaker

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British Ambassador, Paris

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

13 November 1985

Dear Robert,


ANGLO-FRENCH SUMMIT

Thank you for your letter of 13 November enclosing a draft programme and list of participants. It was helpful to have these.

I do not think that the Prime Minister would wish to press the Department of Energy to find an interlocutor for M. Malvy although I am sure she would hope they would offer a bilateral meeting on energy matters on a reasonably early occasion.

I see no problem with the deletion of Cultural Ministers and the addition of Ministers for European Affairs. I understand that Mme. Cresson will now attend and Mr. Brittan will also be present.

We are now arranging to have the press conference piped into one of the No.10 reception rooms so that all members of delegations can watch it there. It would therefore be helpful if the number of French officials who actually go to 12 Downing Street for the press conference could be reduced to the spokesman and the two Ambassadors alone.

Yours sincerely,

(Charles Powell)

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