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Anglo-French Summit: Participation

The French have now confirmed that Mme Cresson will after all take part in the summit and that M. Beregovoy, M. Malvy and M. Mexandeau will not.

I enclose revised lists of those attending the plenary, the lunch and the press conference. These supercede those enclosed with my letter of 13 November. We have confirmed them with the French Embassy and asked them to avoid any further changes unless absolutely inescapable.

The French would like M. Hubert Vedrine to take the note on their side during the tete-a-tete with the President.

M. Auroux has expressed interest in having a meeting with Mr Pattie. We hope that this will be possible during the press conference. As both Ministers will be at the plenary and lunch, it would be helpful if a room at No 10 could be found for the meeting.

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Lear 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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