

MR. JOCE

cc Mr. Taylor

**ANGLO-FRENCH SUMMIT**

The French have asked whether they could add two people for the Plenary and lunch. They are M. Vidal and M. Morel. I have agreed to this. We shall need two more chairs on the back row on the French side.

They have also asked whether, on a contingency basis, we could make a room available for President Mitterrand between 1430 and 1450 to sit and rest if he prefers not to visit the War Cabinet Room. I have also agreed to this and suggest it be the White Drawing Room. He would want five or six of his officials with him.

(Charles Powell)

15 November 1985



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*From the Private Secretary*

15 November 1985

**ANGLO-FRENCH SUMMIT: PARTICIPATION**

Thank you for your letter of 15 November, about participation in the Anglo-French Summit.

I understand the French would settle for two more senior officials at the Plenary, M. Morel and M. Vidal. We can accommodate them both at the Plenary and at the lunch.

(Charles Powell)

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Prime Minister

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I think you must agree to this. I suggest the White Room.

15 November 1985

Agree?

Dear Charles, C.D.P. Wtki

Yes not

Anglo-French Summit: 18 November

This is to confirm our telephone conversation. The French Embassy have told us that the President has been consulted about how the half hour might be filled between his saying goodbye to the Prime Minister and his arrival at Buckingham Palace for his audience with The Queen at 1500.

The President is interested in visiting the Cabinet War Rooms and hopes to spend the time doing this. But he has asked to be allowed to make a final decision after the meetings on Monday morning. He considers that he may in the event prefer to take a short rest before going to the Palace.

The President accordingly asked if a room could be set aside at No 10 to which he could go with members of his immediate entourage (seven or eight people) if he did not feel up to the visit to the War Rooms. It would be clearly understood that he would at 1430 have said goodbye to the Prime Minister and that she need not feel any further obligation to entertain him after that. You kindly agreed to see whether a room could be made available for this purpose.

Yours ever,  
L V Appleyard

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*Charles  
This overstates my note  
attached to the briefs.  
11/15/11*

*Dear Charles,*

Anglo-French Summit: Participation

I sent to you yesterday what we intended should be the definitive list of those attending the plenary session.

The French have told us that the restriction on the numbers of their senior officials attending the Plenary causes great difficulties for them. They have asked us if each Minister attending the plenary could have with him one senior official except Dumas, who would need two (his Political and Economic Directors), who are both of key importance to us. This would make an addition of seven to the list we sent you yesterday when we remained strictly within your original limit of 11 at the table and five behind. This is normal procedure in France's bilateral summits with other countries.

The French attach substantive importance to being present when the Prime Minister and President sum up the meeting in their final discussion and give their comments on the reports of other Ministers on their bilateral discussions. This may be the only authoritative guidance they will get for future work with us. Unless we can accommodate them, we risk reducing the effectiveness of the Plenary as well as leaving a sense of injury among a group of French officials who are extremely influential in the French Government machine.

We realise that this is extremely difficult in view of the limited size of the Cabinet Room. Nevertheless, we hope very much that some way can be found of accommodating these numbers on the French side. There would of course be no question of any more places on the British side.

*Yours ever,*

*Le Appleyard*

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in Barbados

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3rd option.

Detectives told

1. MR. POWELL
2. PRIME MINISTER

VISIT OF PRESIDENT MITTERRAND ON MONDAY 18 NOVEMBER  
TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS FROM NORTHOLT

The Detectives have proposed three alternative suggestions and would like to know which arrangement is preferred.

- (i) Prime Minister to travel in the same car as President Mitterrand;
- (ii) Prime Minister's car to travel at the end of President Mitterrand's convoy;
- (iii) ✓ Convoy with the Prime Minister's car first, then President Mitterrand's car and the rest of the French entourage.

J. Bowers

Duty Clerk

15 November 1985



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Dear Charles,

Anglo-French Summit: Officials

The French have asked whether it would be possible for the President's staff to meet their 'opposite numbers' in the Prime Minister's staff.

Mme Guigou will be taken care of by Mr Renwick (FCO), and Mr Williamson, who will collect her from No 10 at 0900. You may like to 'pair' M. Bianco with Nigel Wicks and M. Vauzelle with Bernard Ingham. Sir Robert Armstrong has offered to see M. Attali at 1000.

The French have now told us that Mme Mithois will not be coming, so her name should be deleted from the lists attached to our letter of 13 November. M. Denis Verret has been replaced by M. Daniel Bernard, another of the French Prime Minister's advisers.

Mme Mithois was to have attended the press conference. We are content that places be reserved only for the two Ambassadors and the French spokesman (your letter of 13 November) but should be grateful if M. Yelda, the Press Counsellor from the French Embassy, could be allowed to mingle with the French press at the conference. No seat need be reserved for him.

Yours ever,

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*From the Private Secretary*

15 November 1985

**ANGLO-FRENCH SUMMIT: OFFICIALS**

Your letter of 15 November, received at 2150 hours, announcing that Mitterrand's staff wished to see their opposite numbers in No.10 at 0900 on Monday 18 November puts us in a very difficult situation. Nigel Wicks is unlikely to be available before 1030 at the earliest and possibly only later. By dint of cancelling other arrangements Bernard Ingham could make himself available between 1000 and 1100 to M. Vauzelle. Had we received any sort of notice, it might have been possible to make some better arrangements. As it is, I fear that M. Bianco, M. Vauzelle, M. Attali and M. Bernard will have to spend a great deal of time in our waiting room unless you can find something else for them to do. Perhaps Sir Robert Armstrong would be willing to take M. Bianco as well as M. Attali.

(Charles Powell)

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