

PRIME MINISTER

cc Mr. Ingham

ANGLO-FRENCH SUMMIT:

PRESS CONFERENCE

I attach a draft of some possible opening remarks.

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CHARLES POWELL

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Mrs. Thelma —

200 yrs. — Charles Street

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ANGLO-FRENCH SUMMIT:DRAFT OPENING STATEMENT FOR THE PRESS CONFERENCE

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I AM VERY PLEASED TO WELCOME
PRESIDENT MITTERRAND TO LONDON FOR THIS
ANGLO-FRENCH BILATERAL CONSULTATION.
WE HAVE HAD A VERY FULL AND SATISFACTORY
DISCUSSION.

THE MOST IMPORTANT BILATERAL ISSUE WHICH WE DISCUSSED
WAS THE CHANNEL FIXED LINK.
WE ARE WORKING TOGETHER VERY CLOSELY ON THIS
EXCITING PROJECT AND OUR JOINT VIEWS ON HOW
TO PROCEED ARE SET OUT IN A STATEMENT WHICH
IS BEING RELEASED TO YOU.

WE HOPE TO MEET AGAIN EARLY NEXT YEAR TO
ANNOUNCE A DECISION ON WHICH PROJECT HAS BEEN
SELECTED.

SUBSEQUENTLY WE SHALL NEED TO MEET AGAIN TO
SIGN A TREATY COVERING ALL THE NECESSARY
ARRANGEMENTS.

IT HAS ALSO BEEN VERY VALUABLE ON THE DAY BEFORE THE
US/SOVIET SUMMIT MEETING, FOR THE TWO
EUROPEAN NUCLEAR POWERS AND PERMANENT MEMBERS
OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO MEET AND DISCUSS
THE PROSPECTS.

WE BOTH NATURALLY HOPE THAT THE SUMMIT WILL
GIVE AN IMPETUS TO ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATIONS
AND WE LOOK FOR A POSITIVE SOVIET RESPONSE TO

THE LATEST US PROPOSALS.

AS FELLOW MEMBERS OF THE WESTERN ALLIANCE, WE
EXPRESS OUR SOLIDARITY WITH AND SUPPORT FOR
THE UNITED STATES AND OUR BEST WISHES TO BOTH
LEADERS FOR A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME TO THEIR
MEETING.

WE NATURALLY HAD A FULL DISCUSSION OF EUROPEAN

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, BOTH THE IMMEDIATE ISSUES
OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE AND MORE
DEEP-ROOTED AND DIFFICULT PROBLEMS SUCH AS
AGRICULTURAL SURPLUSES AND THE FUTURE OF THE
C.A.P.

I THINK I CAN SAY THAT WE HAVE NOTED SOME
CONVERGENCE IN OUR VIEWS ON THE SUBSTANCE OF

SUBJECTS UNDER DISCUSSION AT THE
INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE.

WHAT WE WANT TO GET AGREED IS PROGRESS ON
DECISION-TAKING, THE INTERNAL MARKET AND THE
STRENGTHENING OF POLITICAL CO-OPERATION ON
THE LINES WE PROPOSED.

IT IS HIGH TIME TO GET THE COMMUNITY MOVING
FORWARD AND BOTH PRESIDENT MITTERRAND AND I
WANT TO SEE DECISIONS REACHED AT THE DECEMBER
EUROPEAN COUNCIL.

THIS WILL ONLY BE ACHIEVED BY CO-OPERATIVE
ENDEAVOUR WHICH TAKES ALL MEMBER STATES'
INTERESTS INTO ACCOUNT.

WE DISCUSSED THE FRENCH INITIATIVE ON EUREKA AND

WELCOMED THE SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF THE

MINISTERIAL MEETING IN HANOVER.

BRITAIN WILL CHAIR THE NEXT SUCH MEETING.

WE ALSO DISCUSSED DEFENCE MATTERS.

WE ARE BOTH IN FULL AGREEMENT ON THE
IMPORTANCE OF CO-OPERATION IN THE PLANNING
AND PRODUCTION OF ARMAMENTS AND ON THE NEED
TO LOOK FOR FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS.

I WILL ASK PRESIDENT MITTERRAND TO SAY A FEW WORDS.