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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO LILLE: 20 JANUARY.

1. LIST OF VISITORS ESTABLISHED AS FOLLOWS:

1. PRIME MINISTER
2. MR POWELL
3. MR NORGROVE
4. MR INGHAM
5. MR HORNE
6. MISS HAMILTON
7. MRS AILES
8. DETECTIVE CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT PARKER
9. DETECTIVE SERGEANT KINGSTON
10. SECRETARY OF STATE
11. MR BUDD
12. DETECTIVE CONSTABLE STICKLAND
13. MR BEETHAM
14. MISS NOBLE
15. SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT
16. MISS STRAIGHT
17. MR HOLMES
18. MR LYALL
19. MISS CAINES
20. MR CHRISTOPHER
21. MR JONES
22. COUNCILLOR HART
23. MR GAIR
24. MR CLARKE (WED, FCO)

I AND A NUMBER OF MY STAFF WILL ALSO BE AT LILLE.

2. PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS AS SET OUT IN MISS HUNT'S LETTER OF 10 JANUARY TO MISS NOBLE HAVE NOW BEEN AGREED WITH THE FRENCH, WITH THE FOLLOWING REFINEMENTS:

ARRIVAL.

JOURNALISTS WILL LEAVE THE PLANE FIRST, TO TRAVEL DIRECTLY TO HOTEL DE VILLE, ACCOMPANIED BY SERIALS 5 AND 23. WHILE THE PRIME MINISTER IS GREETED BY MITTERRAND, FABIUS AND LOCAL NOTABLES (NAMES IN LUR) AND BY ME, OTHER SERIALS WILL PROCEED TO CARS AS FOLLOWS:

SERIALS 8 AND 9: CAR IMMEDIATELY BEHIND PRIME MINISTER
 SIR GEOFFREY HOWE: CAR NUMBER 1 (WITH DUMAS)
 MR RIDLEY: CAR NUMBER 2 (WITH AUROUX)

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SERIALS

SERIAL 12: AMBASSADOR'S CAR (NO 4)
SERIALS 2, 3, 4, 11, 13 AND 16: CAR NUMBER 6
SERIALS 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 AND 22: CAR NUMBER 8
SERIALS 6, 7 AND 14: CAR NUMBER 12 (WHICH WILL GO TO
CONSULATE-GENERAL)
SERIAL 24 WILL MAKE OWN WAY TO PREFECTURE.

THESE ARRANGEMENTS STAND FOR EVERY STAGE OF THE PROGRAMME. THE FRENCH WILL ISSUE ALL MEMBERS OF THE PARTY WITH BADGES, WHICH WILL BE WAITING IN THEIR CARS.

PREFECTURE

THERE WILL BE A WITHDRAWING ROOM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER. ELYSEE UNDERSTAND THAT AFTER A SHORT TETE-A-TETE (POSSIBLY INCLUDING FABIUS) MITTERRAND MAY SUGGEST TO THE PRIME MINISTER THAT THEY INVITE THE OTHER MINISTERS TO JOIN THEM AT ABOUT 1115.

HOTEL DE VILLE

ELYSEE NOW PROPOSE THAT IMMEDIATELY ON ARRIVAL AT THE HOTEL DE VILLE, AT A SUITABLE DAISS WITH MICROPHONES, MITTERRAND SHOULD ANNOUNCE THE WINNING PROJECT IN FRENCH AND THE PRIME MINISTER IN ENGLISH. THEY WOULD THEN HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE IN THE USUAL ELYSEE FORMAT, STARTING WITH STATEMENTS OF ABOUT 5 MINUTES' LENGTH BEFORE ANSWERING QUESTIONS. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMPETING CONSORTIA WOULD BE PRESENT IF THEY WISHED BUT WOULD NOT BE SINGLED OUT FOR SPECIAL ATTENTION AFTER THE PRESS CONFERENCE. ELYSEE DO NOT EXPECT EITHER PRESIDENT OR PRIME MINISTER TO SPEAK IN RESPONSE TO MAUROY, BY THE PLAQUE OR AT THE LUNCH.

TEXT ON THE PLAQUE READS:

"LE 20 JANVIER 1986 POUR L'ANNONCE DU PROJET DU LIEN FIXE ENTRE GRANDE-BRETAGNE ET LA FRANCE, MONSIEUR FRANCOIS MITTERRAND, PRESIDENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE FRANCAISE, MADAME MARGARET THATCHER, PREMIER MINISTRE DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE ONT ETE RECUS EN CET HOTEL DE VILLE.

MONSIEUR PIERRE MAUROY, ANCIEN PREMIER MINISTRE, ETANT MAIRE DE LILLE."

LUNCH

MR RIDLEY, WITH SERIALS 16 AND 19, WILL LEAVE FOR THE AIRPORT FROM THE PREFECTURE BEFORE LUNCH IN AN EMBASSY CAR. ASSISTANT AIR ATTACHE WILL BE AT THE AIRPORT TO SEE THEM OFF. PRIME MINISTER, SECRETARY OF STATE AND SERIALS 2, 3, 4, 11, 13, 17, 18, 20, 21 AND 22 WILL LUNCH WITH MITTERRAND. SERIALS 8, 9, 12 AND 24 WILL LUNCH IN THE ANTE-ROOM. SERIALS 5 AND 23 WILL LUNCH WITH THE JOURNALISTS. LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED FOR SERIALS 6, 7 AND 14 AT THE CONSULATE-GENERAL.

DEPARTURE

SERIALS 5, 23, 6, 7 AND 14 WILL BE TRANSPORTED SEPARATELY TO THE AIRPORT. OF THE MOTORCADE, ALL EXCEPT PRIME MINISTER WILL PROCEED DIRECTLY TO THE AIRPORT STEPS AND BOARD. PRIME MINISTER AND MITTERRAND WILL REVIEW A GUARD OF HONOUR (A VIP LOUNGE WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE) BEFORE SHE TAKES HER LEAVE.

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INTERPRETERS

MR REDERER WILL BE AT THE PREFECTURE FOR MEETINGS AND LUNCH. FRENCH ARE ORGANISING A SECOND INTERPRETER FOR THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

DUTY FREE

DUTY FREE SUPPLIES (ALREADY ORDERED) WILL BE LOADED ON TO AIRCRAFT WHILE IT IS STANDING AT LILLE.

3. IN A LATE CHANGE OF PLAN FABIUS WILL ALSO BE AT LILLE FOR THE ARRIVAL AT THE AIRPORT, THE MEETING AT THE PREFECTURE AND THE PRESS CONFERENCE, BUT NOT THE LUNCH. HIS INCLUSION MAY SLIGHTLY ALTER THE TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS. WE DO NOT YET KNOW WHETHER HE WILL JOIN THE TETE-A-TETE OR ACCOMPANY THE OTHER MINISTERS.

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