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London SW1A 2AH

17 January 1986

Dear Charles,

Anglo/French Summit Meeting in Lille
20 January

Thank you for your note of 15 January about attendance at the lunch. Since I wrote, you will know that Christopher Meyer has dropped out but that Robin Christopher of the Cabinet Office and Kingsley Jones of the Treasury have been added (I understand with your agreement) to the list, both for lunch and the Prime Minister's plane.

As regards Lord Bethell/Christopher Jackson, the FCO/Department of Transport view is that the case for including an MEP is not compelling. The Elysee, who face similar pressures, have told the Embassy in Paris that in addition to Ministers and civil servants they are inviting only the Mayor and Prefect of Lille.

Yours ever,

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Private Secretary

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From the Private Secretary

16 January, 1986.

ANGLO-FRENCH SUMMIT MEETING IN LILLE

Thank you for your letter of 16 January.

I enclose a slightly amended fit for the VC10.

The other arrangements are satisfactory.

(C.D. Powell)

C.R. Budd, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Dear Charles,

Channel Fixed Link: Summit Meeting in Lille on 20 January

Arrangements for the Channel Fixed Link Summit in Lille on 20 January are now falling into place. I attach a copy of the full draft programme as it now stands.

I wrote to you on 15 January about some changes in French plans for speeches at the Summit. You will wish to know how matters now stand and what drafts and briefing are in preparation.

The programme provides for the Prime Minister to have a 45 minute tete-a-tete with President Mitterrand; to give a 5 minute statement at the announcement ceremony; to field questions at the press conference; and to make some brief remarks in response to the President's short, informal speech after lunch. We are preparing briefing for the tete-a-tete and will let you have this shortly in the form of a scene setting letter.

Department of Transport officials are negotiating a joint statement with the French to be issued at the press conference. The Department of Transport, in consultation with the FCO and other interested Departments, are also preparing drafts for the opening statement and the after lunch speech and briefing notes for the press conference. These may have to be finalised at a late stage.

I am copying this letter to Richard Allan in the Department of Transport.

Yours ever,
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CHANNEL FIXED LINK SUMMIT MEETING, LILLE, 20 JANUARY :
PROGRAMME

I 10.30 : Arrival at Lille Airport

Notes :

(a) The President will arrive at the airport at about 10.20 and will meet the Prime Minister at the foot of the aircraft steps.

(b) There will then be a military guard of honour and national anthems.

(c) The President and Prime Minister will leave together in the President's car, accompanied by the President's interpreter and a security official.

(d) The rest of the official motorcade will follow on. A bus and minibus will be provided for transporting journalists.

II 10.45 - 11.30 : Meeting

Notes :

(a) The motorcade will arrive at Lille Prefecture at 10.45.

(b) Four meeting rooms have been provided : one for the Prime Minister and President; one for Sir G. Howe and M. Dumas; one for Mr Ridley and M. Auroux; and one for officials.

(c) At the tete-a-tete with the Prime Minister. President Mitterrand will be accompanied by his interpreter and probably by M. Attali. Mr Lederer will interpret for the Prime Minister, who may wish also to have a Private Secretary in attendance.

(d) No interpreter is required for Sir G. Howe and M. Dumas; the French will provide one for Mr Ridley and M. Auroux.

III 11.40 - 12.35 . Announcement Ceremony and Press Conference

Notes :

(a) The President and Prime Minister will travel by car from the Prefecture to the Hotel de Ville, where they will be met by M. Mauroy, Mayor of Lille (and former Prime Minister).

(b) Seating arrangements will comprise a "top table" for the President, Prime Minister, Foreign Ministers and Transport Ministers, and a main area for press and officials.

(c) The French envisage an announcement by an official of the two governments' decision on the CFL concessionaire; followed by a 5 minute statement by President Mitterrand; followed by a 5 minute statement by the Prime Minister. Questions from the press would then be taken, for about 30 minutes.

(d) Interpretation booths will be provided for both interpreters permitting simultaneous interpretation during the press conference.

(e) At the conclusion of the press conference, M. Mauroy will make a short speech, present the President and Prime Minister with commemorative medals and invite them to sign a book. He may also present the Prime Minister with a gift (the FCO are in touch with No. 10 about whether the Prime Minister needs to reciprocate).

(f) At 12.35 the press conference will end and M. Mauroy will lead the President and Prime Minister to the entrance hall of the Hotel de Ville, where a commemorative plaque will be unveiled.

IV 13.00 : Lunch

Notes :

(a) The party returns to the Prefecture by car for lunch.

(b) Mr Ridley, plus Private Secretary and Press Secretary, will depart separately before the lunch for Lille Airport.

(c) Lunch will not be more than 15 per side (the FCO has submitted separately on attendance).

(d) The interpreters will be seated behind the President and Prime Minister.

(e) At the end of the lunch the President is likely to make a brief informal speech, to which the Prime Minister will wish to reply.

(f) There will probably be a separate table in the same room for officials not on the top table, and a further buffet lunch elsewhere in the building for support staff.

V 14.30 : Departure

Notes :

(a) The same arrangements will apply as for arrival. The President will take the Prime Minister in his car, and say farewell to her at the foot of the aircraft steps.

(b) Estimated departure time from Lille Airport is 14.45.

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Dear Charles,

Anglo-French Summit Meeting in Lille: 20 January

// Based upon our understanding of the Prime Minister's party (list attached), I enclose a proposed fit for the RAF VC10.

On the outward flight, continental breakfast will be served (to include fruit juice, fruit segments, ham, cheese, croissants, preserves, coffee, tea etc).

For the return sector, afternoon tea (to include savoury snacks, sandwiches etc) will be available.

Satisfactory?

Mr R Lederer has been retained as our interpreter for the bilateral meeting between the Prime Minister and the French President. He will travel separately from Brussels to join the party in Lille.

We are checking on the possible Treasury participant in the delegation (your letter of 15 January).

*Yours ever,
Colin Budd*

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COMPOSITION OF THE PARTY

Serial No	Name	Designation
1	The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher FRS MP	Prime Minister
<u>No 10 Downing Street</u>		
2	Mr C D Powell	Private Secretary
3	Mr D Norgrove	Economic Private Secretary
4	Mr B Ingham	Chief Press Secretary
5	Mr M Horne	Press Secretary
6	Miss M Hamilton	Duty Clerk
7	Mrs D Ailes	Secretarial Assistant
8	Det Chief Supt R Parker	Detective
9	Det Sgt R Kingston	Detective
<u>Foreign & Commonwealth Office</u>		
10	The Rt Hon Sir Geoffrey Howe QC MP	Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
11	Mr L V Appleyard CMG	Principal Private Secretary
12	Det Cons C Stickland	Detective
13	Mr R C Beetham LVO	Head of Maritime, Aviation & Environment Department
14	Mr C J R Meyer	Head of News Department

Department of the Environment & Transport

15	The Rt Hon Nicholas Ridley MP	Secretary of State for Transport
16	Mr R Allan	Private Secretary
17	Mr D Holmes	Deputy Secretary for the CFL
18	Mr A Lyall	Under-Secretary for the CFL
19	Miss J Caines	Press Officer
20	Councillor T Hart	Leader of the Kent County Council

Central Office of Information

21	Mr R Gair	Diplomatic Correspondent
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Support Staff

22	Mr R Lederer	Interpreter
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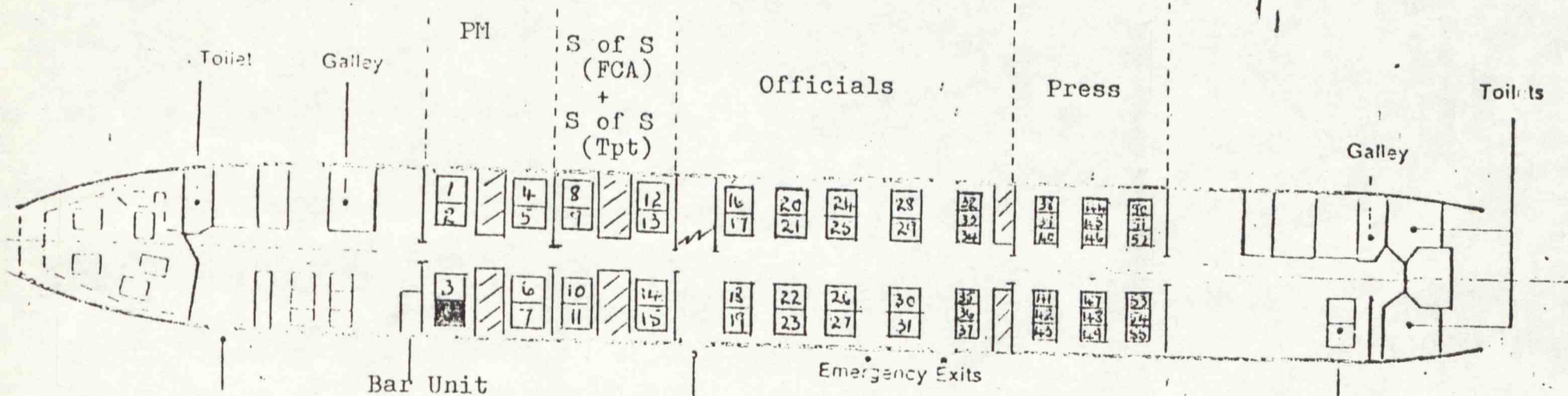
Press

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SEATING PLAN FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO LILLE

ON 20 JAN 86

RAF VC10 - ASCOT 1129



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| 1. Prime Minister | 8. Sir G Howe | 16. Mr Holmes | 24. Supt Parker | 32. Miss Hamilton | ALM Double 40.) |
| 2. - | 9. - | 17. Mr Lyall | 25. Sgt Kingston | 33. Not for use | 41.) |
| 3. <i>Mr. Ingham</i> | 10. - | 18. Mr Ingham | 26. Cons Stickland | 34. - | 42.) |
| 4. - | 11. Mr Ridley (o) | 19. Mr Meyer | 27. - | 35. Typing | 43.) |
| 5. <i>Mr. Powell</i> | 12. - | 20. Mr Beetham | 28. Mrs Ailes | 36. Not for use | 44.) |
| 6. <i>Mr Powell</i> | 13. Mr Appleyard | 21. Mr Hart | 29. - | 37. Typing | 45.) |
| 7. Mr Norgrove | 14. - | 22. Miss Caines (o) | 30. Mr Gair (COI) | 38.) Press | 46.) |
| | 15. Mr Allan (o) | 23. Mr Horne | 31. - | 39.) | 47.) |
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(o) = Outward journey only