

PRIME MINISTER

ANGLO-FRENCH SUMMIT: 21 NOVEMBER

As you know, we try to squeeze these summits into a single day. It is going to be a bit harder with the Anglo-French summit because both the President and the Prime Minister want a share of your time. Our plan was to go over early on the Friday morning, have talks with the President (separately) and with the Prime Minister, a lunch given by the President, a plenary session, a press conference and back to London.

M. Chirac's office have now telephoned to say that he would like to invite you to stay for a working dinner. He takes the point that you want to get back to London that night, but suggests that if the dinner were at 7pm sharp you would be able to leave Paris by 9.30pm. Given the 1 hour time difference you would be back at Heathrow by 9.30pm English time and in Chequers by 10.30pm.

I have given absolutely no commitment. If you were to stay to dinner we could of course go over rather later in the morning. The worst of your mid-November speeches will be over. And it is a Friday. It is really a question of your relations with M.Chirac.

Agree to stay in Paris for an early working supper and return that evening?

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From the Private Secretary

21 October 1986

ANGLO-FRENCH SUMMIT

I have seen a copy of Paris tel. no. 1057 with some highly ingenious proposals for the organisation of the Anglo-French Summit. I have not at this stage consulted the Prime Minister. But I judge she would be content with the structure proposed in paragraph 4. The only problem I foresee is with dividing the time available with President Mitterrand and M. Chirac into two distinct sessions. Given the need for interpretation, at least with President Mitterrand, this would make both meetings very short. The alternatives would be either to leave them both as tete-a-tete throughout, which would follow past precedent; or to lengthen the time available by arriving half-a-hour earlier and making lunch half an hour later so that Foreign Ministers could join for part of the time. I think that the Prime Minister would leave it to the French as hosts to state a preference.

I know that the Prime Minister's strong preference is to compress these bilateral summits into a single day. An invitation to dinner from M. Chirac would make this difficult. Let us see if the invitation does in fact materialise. I will then consult her.

I am copying this letter to David Williamson (Cabinet Office).

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Dear Charles

Anglo/French Summit

Thank you for your letter of 25 July.

The French Embassy also proposed 21 November at the end of last week. We are confirming to them that it is acceptable and shall seek French views on programme and participation in due course.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Defence Secretary, the Trade and Industry Secretary, the Minister of Agriculture and Sir Robert Armstrong.

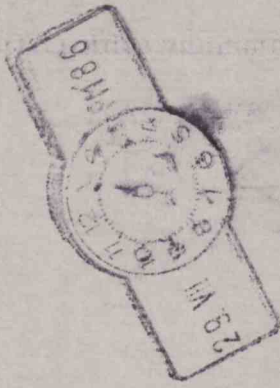
Yours ever

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From the Private Secretary

25 July 1986

ANGLO-FRENCH SUMMIT

The Elysee have been in touch to say that they cannot manage 24 November for the Anglo-French Summit, because of the clash with the Foreign Affairs Council. They assume that we may have the same difficulty(!). They have proposed instead Friday 21 November. Somewhat reluctantly, I have accepted this. There are literally no other dates in November which the Prime Minister can manage.

I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Defence Secretary, the Trade and Industry Secretary, the Minister of Agriculture and Sir Robert Armstrong.

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From the Private Secretary

12 May 1986

ANGLO-FRENCH SUMMIT

I have discussed with the Prime Minister possible dates for the Anglo-French Summit this autumn. Virtually the only date the Prime Minister could manage is Friday 14 November. I should be grateful if you could put this to the French. The Prime Minister would fly over to Paris early that morning for talks followed by lunch, returning to London the same afternoon.

I am copying this letter to Rachel Lomax (HM Treasury), John Howe (Ministry of Defence), Stephen Boys Smith (Home Office), John Mogg (Department of Trade and Industry) and Richard Allan (Department of Transport).

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MR. POWELL

ANGLO/FRENCH SUMMIT

You asked for a Monday or Friday between 7 November and 2 December. The following are free but we must discuss them with the Prime Minister at the diary meeting on Monday as none of them are particularly convenient.

Friday 14 November
Monday 17 November
Monday 24 November
Friday 28 November
Monday 1 December

On balance I think Monday 17 November would be the best date and the least tiring for the Prime Minister.

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8 May 1986



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