

PRIME MINISTER

MR CHIRAC'S MEETING IN PARIS

You will recall that Mr Chirac has been trying to arrange a meeting in Paris on the evening of 25 February, of EDU leaders to discuss relations with Eastern Europe.

The attached note shows that he has had only limited success. Neither Kohl nor Waigel will be there: and a meeting of this sort without the German leaders is not much use. On the Eastern European side, there is Mr Antall, likely to be very important in Hungary after the elections: and a Czech deputy Prime Minister. There is also Dr Mock.

I am not sure, in the circumstances, that the meeting really warrants your attendance: and it would be better if Chirac could be persuaded to cancel it, putting the blame on Kohl. There would then be more point in your attending the EDU Party Leaders' meeting scheduled for 30/31 August in Helsinki.

Agree to work for this outcome?

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Deena Moos rang regarding the Paris meeting on 25th February.

Those attending will be

The Czech Deputy Prime Minister

Mr Autall - President of the Hungarian Democratic Forum

Jacques Chirac

Mr Riegler - Vice-Chancellor of Austria

Alois Mock

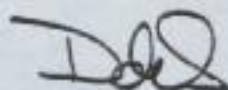
Gerald Tandler - Deputy Leader of the CFU

She would like to know the exact time of arrival, and says that ideally the PM would arrive before 5.00, so that they can go straight into a meeting before dinner.

Dinner will be at Chirac's apartment, and will be the Leaders plus one other.

Accommodation for those that want will be at the Hotel Ritz.

Could you ring Deena when you know what time she will arrive?

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'DQ' or similar initials, written in a cursive style.

5th February, 1990