



KIC

bc PC

10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON SW1A 2AA

From the Private Secretary

14 March 1990

Dear Richard,

VISIT BY THE FRENCH PRIME MINISTER

Thank you for your letter of 14 March about the arrangements for the visit of Monsieur Rocard. I think the programme is all right as it stands and the Prime Minister would be content with the broad agenda.

The Prime Minister would like participation in the talks to be limited to M. Rocard and his diplomatic adviser (and I will take the note on our side). We could then enlarge the numbers for the lunch to include the Defence Secretary, the two Ambassadors, Madame Quincy, and the official from the Quai (not the press attache). The Foreign Secretary would, of course, have had a separate talk with M. Rocard.

I am copying this letter to John Gieve (HM Treasury) and to Simon Webb (Ministry of Defence).

Yours sincerely

(C. D. POWELL)

Richard Gozney, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

eu



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

14 March 1990

Dear Charles,

Visit by French Prime Minister: 26 March

Thank you for your letter of 27 February about the visit by M. Rocard on 26 March. We should be grateful for your views on some administrative aspects.

Programme

The programme remains as set out in FCO telno 125 to Paris (copy attached). The French are happy with these arrangements.

Agenda

M. Rocard wants to discuss German unification; EC questions (including EMU and ERM); and bilateral matters (principally bilateral defence relations). We have not attempted to set an agenda for each of his four meetings: there will obviously be some overlap.

Participation in the Talks

The French Ambassador would like to accompany M. Rocard throughout the visit. We have now heard from the French Embassy that M. Rocard expects to bring to London his Diplomatic Adviser, M. Philippe Petit; Madame Berengere Quincy, his adviser on European Affairs; an official (unnamed as yet) from the Quai d'Orsay and a press attache. You may wish to restrict attendance at the Prime Minister's talks to four a side. This would enable the Foreign Secretary to participate in the talks before lunch (he cannot attend the lunch) as well as Sir Ewen Fergusson, who is returning to London for the day. As to the working lunch, would you want to limit attendance to those involved in the talks at No.10 in the morning? The French side would be M. Rocard plus three. The Defence Secretary will be free to attend the lunch.

/Press



Press Arrangements

We have told the French that we do not foresee a joint press conference. M. Rocard will probably brief the French press at RAF Northolt before departure.

I am copying this letter to John Gieve (Treasury) and Brian Hawtin (MOD).

Yours ever,

Richard Gozney

(R H T Gozney)
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
10 Downing Street

CONFIDENTIAL

*From Embassy
reformed
h*

*PM
m*

013050

MDHOAN 4107

23

TOP COPY
Q DIST ?

CONFIDENTIAL
FM FCO
TO IMMEDIATE PARIS
TELNO 125
OF 281834Z FEBRUARY 90

FROM WED
YOUR TELNO 234: VISIT BY ROCARD

1. THE PRIME MINISTER HAS CONFIRMED THAT SHE WILL BE HAPPY TO SEE ROCARD AT 1200 ON 26 MARCH FOR TALKS FOLLOWED BY A WORKING LUNCH. WE HAVE ARRANGED THE MEETINGS REQUESTED BY ROCARD AS FOLLOWS:

0945 CALL ON MR KING
1030 CALL ON MR MAJOR
1115 CALL ON SECRETARY OF STATE

2. GRATEFUL FOR CONFIRMATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THAT THIS PROGRAMME IS ACCEPTABLE, AND FOR NAMES OF ACCOMPANYING OFFICIALS AND TRAVEL DETAILS IN DUE COURSE.

HURD

YYYY

DISTRIBUTION

248

MAIN 242

EUROPEAN POLITICAL
WED [-]

GHF

ADDITIONAL 6

PS/NO 10
PS/SECRETARY OF,
(STATE FOR DEFENCE)

PS/CHANCELLOR OF,
(THE EXCHEQUER)

NNNN

WRF 020/7	
RECEIVED IN REGISTRY	
09 MAR 1990	
LEAD OFFICER	REGISTRY
INCH	CHIEF REGIS

FRANCIS: Vents by M. Leonard Jan 82



CONFIDENTIAL

eu



Rle

bc PC

10 DOWNING STREET
LONDON SW1A 2AA

From the Private Secretary

27 February 1990

VISIT OF THE FRENCH PRIME MINISTER

Paris telegram number 234 recorded that M. Rocard is able to visit London on Monday 26 March. The Prime Minister would be happy to see him that day for a talk at 1200 followed by a working lunch.

(CHARLES POWELL)

J.S. Wall, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

CONFIDENTIAL

DD

PRIME MINISTER

VISIT BY M. ROCARD

M. Rocard has asked to come over and see you at the request of President Mitterrand. We could not manage the dates which he originally proposed. But he has now said that he could do Monday 26 March. You could offer a talk at 1200 followed by a working lunch.

Content to do this?

CDP

Yes - delighted

C. D. POWELL

24 February 1990

and

C:\FOREIGN\ROCARD.DAS

Charles

I have offered CONFIDENTIAL

176432

MDLIAN 1208

200 talk followed
by a working lunch.

~~Amendment~~

CONFIDENTIAL

FM PARIS

TO PRIORITY FCO

TELNO 234

OF 231545Z FEBRUARY 90

AP

24/2

Can we do

26 March?

CDD

MY TELNO 217: VISIT BY ROCARD

1. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION WITH WED, WE PUT TO ROCARD'S CABINET THE DATES 26 OR 27 MARCH, WITH A PREFERENCE FOR MONDAY 26 MARCH.

2. THE CABINET HAVE NOW COME BACK TO SAY THAT ROCARD CAN MANAGE MONDAY 26 MARCH. HE WILL WANT TO COME OVER EARLY IN THE DAY AND FIT IN THE MEETINGS HE HAS REQUESTED IN THE COURSE OF THE MORNING AND OVER LUNCH, RETURNING TO PARIS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE IN THE AFTERNOON.

3. GRATEFUL FOR PROGRAMME WHEN AVAILABLE. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO BE ABLE TO TELL MATIGNON SOON IF THE PRIME MINISTER WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE LUNCH TO ROCARD.

FERGUSSON

YYYY

DISTRIBUTION

242

MAIN

241

EUROPEAN POLITICAL
WED [-]

GHF

ADDITIONAL

1

PS/S OF S DEFENCE

NNNN