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From the Private Secretary

11 December 1987

Dear Lyn,

ANGLO-FRENCH SUMMIT: 29 JANUARY 1988

Thank you for your letter of 11 December about the arrangements for the Anglo-French Summit.

Programme

This seems on the right lines. But we shall have to take French views on the arrangements for meetings with President Mitterrand and M. Chirac into account. Do we know what the practice is at the Franco-German Summits? I think I am right in saying that there are occasions when Chancellor Kohl sees them together.

Arrangements for Greeting and Bidding Farewell

I am confident that the Prime Minister will again agree to meet President Mitterrand at Northolt if necessary. But is this not a case where we could bring President Mitterrand into central London by helicopter, with a formal welcoming ceremony at Kensington Palace or elsewhere?

Participation

I am sure that the Prime Minister will agree with the proposals in your letter.

I am copying this letter to Alex Allan (H. M. Treasury), Shirley Stagg (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food), John Howe (Ministry of Defence) and Philip Mawer (Home Office).

Yours sincerely,
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Dear Charles,

Anglo-French Summit: 29 January 1988

Thank you for your letter of 16 November. Lancaster House has been booked for the Anglo-French Summit on 29 January. We plan that all the events should take place there, ie all Ministerial bilaterals, the Plenary, the lunches and the press conference.

We should now be grateful for guidance on the programme and participation. We assume that M Chirac will take part in the Summit, although no decision has yet been taken in Paris. Since EC business will be top of the agenda, a discussion with him would certainly be useful. We shall need to broach the cohabitation aspects with the French soon.

Programme

We recommend the following pattern:

- 0930 French delegation arrives at RAF Northolt
(except M Chirac who might arrive later).
- 1000-1100 Meeting between the Prime Minister and
President Mitterrand.
- [Other Ministerial bilateral meetings begin]
- 1100-1200 Meeting between the Prime Minister and
M Chirac.
- [Separate event for President Mitterrand]
- 1200-1245 Plenary Session.
- 1300-1430 Lunch (a working lunch attended by all
participating Ministers and a few key
officials).
- 1440-1515 Joint press conference.

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The Queen received President Mitterrand in the margins of the 1985 Summit. An audience will not however be possible this time as The Queen will be at Sandringham on 29 January. We shall consider with the French what arrangements might be made to fill the morning slot in the President's programme. Possibilities include a call on the Leader of the Opposition or a visit to a cultural event such as the "Age of Chivalry" exhibition at the Royal Academy.

We expect President Mitterrand and his Ministers to return to Paris that evening.

Arrangements for Greeting and Bidding Farewell

At the last three Anglo-French Summits in London (1981, 1983 and 1985) the Prime Minister met President Mitterrand at the airport. It would doubtless be welcomed by the President if the Prime Minister were able to do so again (although we might have to look out for sensitivity from M Chirac). We would also envisage the provision of an RAF Ceremonial Red Carpet Guard at Northolt on arrival. We propose that, as in previous years, a Cabinet Minister should bid the President farewell. Sir Geoffrey Howe hopes that he will be able to do this personally.

Participation

The Foreign Secretary recommends that the participants should include Foreign Ministers, the Chancellor of the Exchequer/Finance Minister, Ministers of Agriculture and Defence and the Home Secretary/Interior Minister. We doubt whether a meeting between Ministers of Trade and Industry will be necessary as Lord Young had comprehensive discussions with the French Ministers for Finance and Industry in Paris on 4 December and Mr Kenneth Clarke will be having talks with the French Industry Minister in London just three days before the Summit. We do not yet have any steer on French thinking on participation but they may seek the inclusion also of Ministers of Transport (for discussion of Channel Fixed Link issues)

Interpretation

We have provisionally booked Mrs Fairweather.

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I am copying this letter to the Private Secretaries of Ministers who may be involved and to PS/Sir Robert Armstrong.

Yours ever,
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From the Private Secretary

16 November 1987

BILATERAL SUMMITS WITH
THE FRENCH AND GERMANS

We had a word about the bilateral summits with the French and Germans early next year, and where they should be held. The Prime Minister would have no objection to Lancaster House. I assume that the whole shooting match would take place there, including the lunch and press conference.

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