

PRIME MINISTER

ANGLO-FRENCH SUMMIT: 29 JANUARY

The attached papers require some decisions about the Anglo-French Summit, to be held at Lancaster House on 29 January.

The main ones are:

(i) Programme. This would start with separate meetings between you and President Mitterrand and you and M. Chirac (who would arrive slightly later than the President). While you saw Chirac, Mitterrand would visit the Age of Chivalry Exhibition at the Royal Academy. (The Queen is at Sandringham and cannot receive him.) There would then be a plenary, a lunch and a press conference terminating at 1515.

Private talks?

(ii) Meeting Arrangements. President Mitterrand would helicopter to Kensington Palace, where you would meet him. There would be a 'carpet guard' with a fuller Guard of Honour to be mounted outside Lancaster House. Lord Dundee would be present at Kensington Palace to welcome the President on behalf of The Queen. The same procedure would apply in reverse on departure.

(iii) Participation.

The proposal is:

Foreign Ministers
Defence Ministers
Interior Ministers
Agriculture Ministers
Trade Ministers

In addition Robert Jackson wants to see his opposite number to explain our position or CERN.

(iv) Lunch

Lunch would be attended by the Ministers, Ambassadors and three senior officials on each side.

Content with these arrangements?

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Yes

Charles Powell

13 January 1988

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From the Private Secretary

14 January 1988

Dear Lyn.


ANGLO-FRENCH SUMMIT: 29 JANUARY

Thank you for your letter of 13 January dealing with a number of administrative points about the Anglo-French summit on 29 January. The Prime Minister is content with the proposed programme, on the understanding that a satisfactory way of occupying President Mitterrand during her talk with M. Chirac can be found. I understand the intention is to suggest that he should visit the Age of Chivalry Exhibition. The Prime Minister thinks this would be perfectly appropriate but wonders whether we could not arrange for the Prince of Wales to accompany the President round it. I should be grateful if you could look into this.

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As regards the meeting arrangements, the Prime Minister will go to Kensington Palace to meet President Mitterrand on arrival and see him off on departure. She thinks the best arrangement would be a "carpet guard" at Kensington Palace with a fuller guard of honour mounted outside Lancaster House. Again, I should be grateful if you would pursue this. The Prime Minister is content with the proposals for participation in the summit, including that of Mr. Jackson and his French opposite number, and for attendance at the lunch.

I am copying this letter to Alex Allan (HM Treasury), Shirley Stagg (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food), Brian Hawtin (Ministry of Defence), Philip Mawer (Home Office), Stephen Ratcliffe, Peter Smith and Marjorie Davies (Department of Trade and Industry), Roy Griffin (Department of Transport) and Peter Wardle (Department of Education and Science).


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13 January 1988

Dear Charles,

Anglo-French Summit: 29 January 1988

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Thank you for your letter of 11 December.

Programme

[attached]

President Mitterrand has now accepted the outline programme set out in my letter of 11 December. (He and M. Chirac do sometimes meet Chancellor Kohl together at Franco-German summits, but these are more elaborate than our own summits and the French have not suggested a joint meeting with the Prime Minister this time.)

Arrangements for greeting and bidding farewell

President Mitterrand has also agreed to travel between Northolt and Central London by Queen's Flight helicopter. We therefore envisage the Prime Minister greeting him at Kensington Palace. A ceremonial guard (red carpet lining party) would be found by First Battalion Irish Guards. As The Queen will be at Sandringham she will be unable to receive the President during the course of this visit. The Lord Chamberlain's Office have therefore recommended that Lord Dundee, Lord-in-Waiting, should also greet President Mitterrand at Kensington Palace on behalf of The Queen as a courtesy. I should be grateful if you would confirm that the Prime Minister would be content with these arrangements.

Participation

The French have now confirmed that Mitterrand and Chirac will be accompanied by the French Ministers of Foreign Affairs (Raimond), Defence (Giraud), Interior (Pasqua), Agriculture (Guillaume) and the Minister of State for EC Affairs (Bosson). They have also proposed that the Minister of State for Foreign Trade (Noir) should participate in the Summit: they envisage discussions with Mr Alan Clark. We recommend that we accept this proposal. The DTI agree.

We have heard from the DES that Mr Jackson needs urgently to explain to CERN (European Nuclear Research Facility) members that the UK wants to remain a full member of CERN but can only do so if CERN costs are significantly

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reduced. The only date on which he could meet the French Minister of Research (Valade) appears 29 January. After fuller discussion with the DES we may therefore propose that these two Ministers also be included in the Summit delegations.

Prime Minister's Lunch

On the basis of participation as above we recommend that the guest list for the lunch which the Prime Minister would host should be:

Prime Minister	President Mitterrand
Foreign Secretary	M. Chirac
Home Secretary	M. Raimond
Defence Secretary	M. Pasqua
Secretary of State for Agriculture	M. Giraud
Mrs Chalker	M. Guillaume
Mr Alan Clark	M. Bosson
[Mr Robert Jackson	M. Noir
Sir Ewen Fergusson,	M. Valade]
HM Ambassador, Paris	HE The French Ambassador
	[3 Paris-based French officials]
Yourselves	
Mr Bernard Ingham	
Sir John Fretwell	

A French recce party will visit London on 15 January. This should give us a clearer idea of French intentions and requirements.

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Yourselves

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BF I have pencilled in a time for briefing for
the Anglo-French Summit for 1600 on Wednesday
27 January.

Is one hour long enough?

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MRS. TESSA GAISMAN

6 January 1988



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Colin Budd rang - he

wondered if you would like
to consider slotting in a
briefing meeting for the
Anglo/French summit (29-1-88).

I told him Charles would probably
do so nearer the time but he
asked me to mention it to you.

Gwynor.

4-1-88.