



Prime Minister
You may wish
to refresh your
memory on the

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

27 January 1988

Dear Charles Guard of Honour procedure.

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Prop Franco/British Summit: Guard of Honour

You asked for the detailed arrangements for the arrival at Kensington Palace and the Guard of Honour at Lancaster House. I attach the relevant extracts from the current version of detailed administrative arrangements, including a plan of the Lancaster House Parade. Further up-dating of the overall administrative arrangements is not expected to affect these ceremonies.

Yours ever

(L Parker)
Private Secretary

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The Deputy Station Commander will escort the party to the aircraft. Monsieur de Lacoste will escort the President to the tarmac where he will be welcomed by the greeting party.

The Captain of The Queen's Flight, Air Vice Marshal John de M Severne, will accompany the President to his helicopter.

Passengers are as follows:

The President	Colonel Pons
Monsieur Raimond	French Security Officer
Monsieur Giraud	British Special Branch Officer
Monsieur Bianco	
Monsieur Attali	

0935 Depart RAF Northolt

0945 Arrive Perks Field, Kensington Palace

Met by the Lord-in-Waiting, the Earl of Dundee; the Prime Minister, the Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher; His Excellency Vicomte Luc de la Barre de Nanteuil French Ambassador; Sir Ewen Fergusson, HM Ambassador at Paris; and Colonel Philip Worrall, Government Hospitality Escort Officer

0950 Depart Kensington Palace

0955 approx Arrive Lancaster House

Guard of Honour Procedure

A Guard of Honour found by First Battalion, Irish Guards under the command of Major Roly Grimshaw with the Regimental Colour and the Band of the Regiment and the Corps of Drums of the Battalion will be formed in the forecourt of Lancaster House on Friday 29 January to greet His Excellency Monsieur Francois Mitterrand, President of the French Republic.

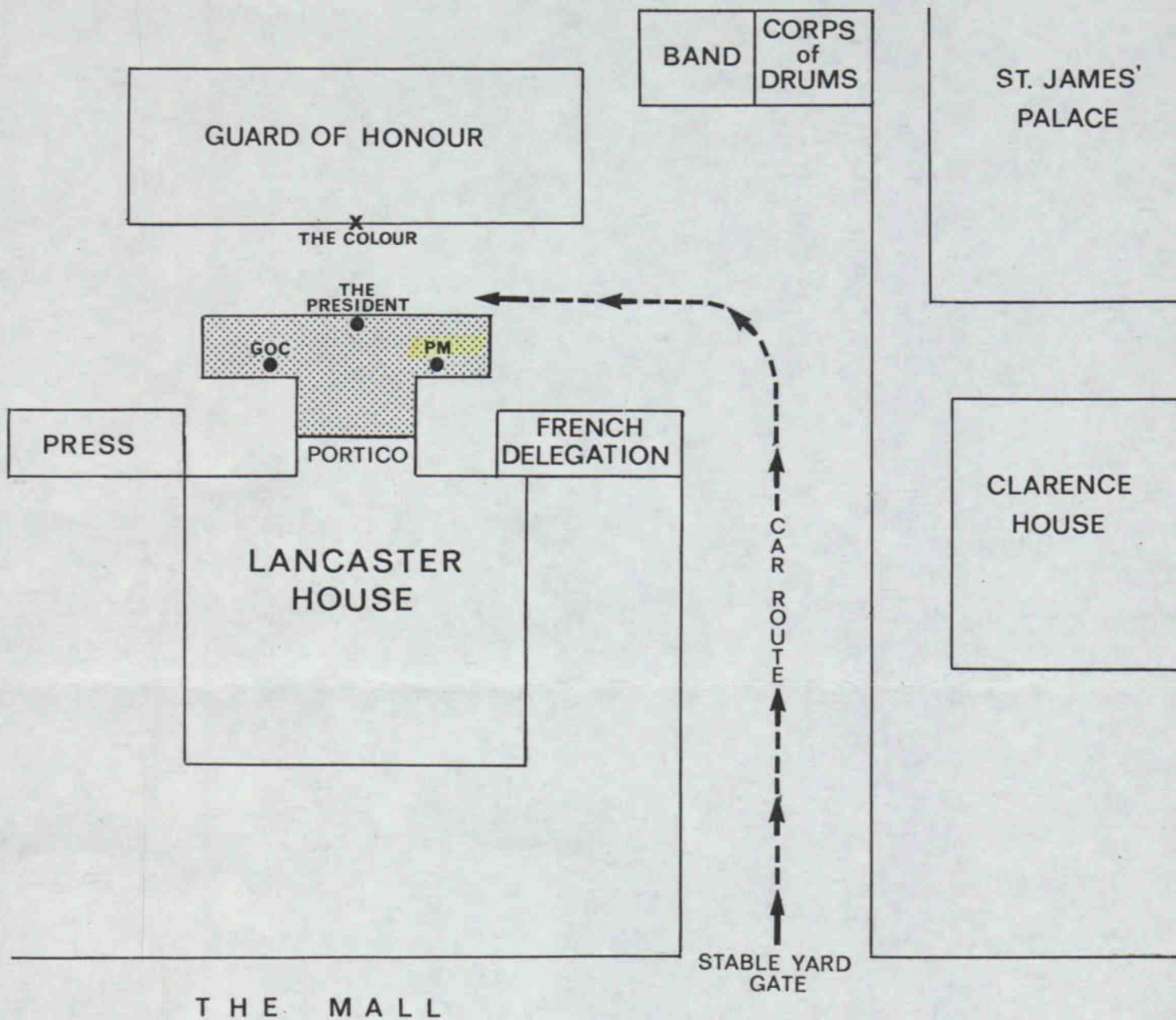
At 0945 hours, the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs will arrive in the forecourt of Lancaster House and will be met by Major General Airy, General Officer Commanding London District.

At 0945 hours, those members of the President's Delegation not travelling in the car procession will position themselves in the area marked 'French Delegation' (see attached diagram).

At 0954 hours, the Prime Minister will arrive at Lancaster House and will be met by Major General Christopher Airy.

At 0955 hours (approx) The President will arrive. The Prime Minister will welcome him and present Major General Airy, who will direct the President to his place on the red carpet. The Captain of the Guard of Honour will order 'Guard of Honour Royal Salute Present Arms' and the band will play the French National Anthem. The Captain of the Guard will present his Guard of Honour to the President. The Major General will then accompany The President and the Captain of the Guard of Honour on the inspection of the front rank only. On completion of the inspection The President will re-join the Prime Minister and proceed into Lancaster House.

GUARD OF HONOUR - LANCASTER HOUSE



ARRIVAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE
FRENCH REPUBLIC

1035

Aircraft doors open

The Deputy Station Commander will escort the greeting party to the aircraft

Monsieur Chirac will be welcomed by Sir John Stow Special Representative of the Secretary of State, Monsieur de Lacoste, Minister, French Embassy and Brigadier Alan Cowan, Government Hospitality. The Prime Minister will be accompanied to his waiting helicopter.

Passengers are as follows:

Prime Minister Chirac	British Special
Monsieur Bujon de l'Estang	Branch Officer
Monsieur Rodocanachi	Brigadier Alan Cowen
Monsieur Lafon	GHF Escort Officer
Monsieur de Silguy	(the above named will
Monsieur Flot	also return on the
Monsieur de Lacoste	helicopter with M
Monsieur Pelois	Chirac to Northolt)
Monsieur Tabert	

1040

Depart RAF Northolt

1050

Arrive Chelsea Barracks
Met by French Ambassador, His Excellency
Vicomte Luc de la Barre de Nanteuil and Deputy
Secretary of the Government Hospitality, Mr
Neil MacKenzie

1055

Depart Chelsea Barracks

1100 approx. Arrive Lancaster House

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ARRIVAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE
FRENCH REPUBLIC

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From the Private Secretary

1 February 1988

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you very much for arranging the Guard of Honour at Lancaster House for President Mitterrand last Friday, despite the very difficult conditions. This added greatly to the dignity of the occasion. She is most grateful.

It was kind of you also to arrange for us to have the help of the Royal Military Police in handling security at Lancaster House during the meeting.

Charles Powell

Major-General C. J. Airy, C.B.E.

DSE

Charles

Anne Morrison from the Protocol Department telephoned me asking if you thought it appropriate to send a thank you letter to General Christopher Airy of the London District for the Guard of Honour at Lancaster House on Friday. He also arranged for the assistance of the Military Police for the security at Lancaster House.

His address and full title are

General Officer Commanding
London District General
Christopher Airy,
c/o MOD

Do you wish to do this?

Jacqui
1 February 1988



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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27 January 1988

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Dear Charles,

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Anglo-French Summit

Thank you for your letter of 26 January.

A note describing the Guard of Honour Ceremony at Lancaster House will follow as soon as possible. Meanwhile, we are making arrangements for the Prime Minister to greet President Mitterrand on arrival at Kensington Palace and to receive him again at Lancaster House for the Guard of Honour Ceremony. We have agreed that, as is usual in such circumstances, there would be no red carpet at Kensington Palace but weather-proof matting provided by The Queen's Flight. I confirm that the Foreign Secretary will see President Mitterrand off after the meeting.

Almost all members of the French delegation other than President Mitterrand, M. Chirac, M. Raimond, M. Giraud and M. Guillaume will arrive at Lancaster House shortly after 0900 hrs on 29 January. M. Guillaume will arrive at Lancaster House shortly before the President (at about 0950 hrs); M. Raimond and M. Giraud will arrive with the President (at about 0955 hrs). We plan that host Ministers and other supporting officials will be at Lancaster House in time to greet their French counterparts. Coffee will be served in the State Dining Room in the period between the French Ministers' arrival and the Guard of Honour Ceremony.

We intend to circulate the detailed administrative notes for the Summit during the morning of 28 January. Meanwhile I enclose a copy of the latest list of the French Official Delegation.

We await an indication from the French of which Ministers will depart with Chirac after lunch. We therefore cannot yet make firm recommendations about who should attend the press conference with the Prime Minister. However, we envisage that those French Ministers remaining to accompany President Mitterrand at the press conference would be matched by their British hosts plus about six senior officials on each side.

I am copying this letter and enclosure, together with a copy of your letter, to Shirley Stagg (MAFF), Brian Hawtin (MOD), Philip Mawer (Home Office), and Stephen Ratcliff, Peter Smith and Marjory Davies (DTI).

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From the Private Secretary

25 January 1988

The Prime Minister will be receiving President Mitterrand in London on 29 January for an Anglo-French Summit, to be held at Lancaster House. She believes that it would add greatly to the dignity and formality of the occasion if the President were to be accorded a Guard of Honour at the Stableyard (Forecourt) of Lancaster House on arrival. She would be very grateful if this request could be considered favourably.

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The Right Honourable The Earl of Airlie, K.T., G.C.V.O., D.L.

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From the Private Secretary

19 January 1988

Dear Lyn.

ANGLO-FRENCH SUMMIT

Thank you for your letter of 19 January about the arrangements for the Anglo-French Summit. I am getting confused about the Guard of Honour. It seems to be like the Cheshire cat's smile: it gets smaller all the time. From a full guard of honour at Lancaster House and a carpet guard at Kensington Palace it went down to a full guard of honour at Kensington Palace, and now down to a carpet guard at Kensington Palace only. Shall we end up with one NCO and a right marker?

The other arrangements for Ministerial and official participation are admirable. I agree that there should be one official for each Minister at the plenary, with two for President Mitterrand, M. Chirac and the Prime Minister. In the Prime Minister's case it will be me and Bernard Ingham. I would be most grateful if David Dain could take the record.

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).

Yours sincerely,

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19 January 1988

Dear Charles,

Anglo/French Summit: 29 January

Thank you for your letter of 14 January about the Anglo/French Summit on 29 January. ^{not flap}

We are arranging for President Mitterrand to be accompanied around the Age of Chivalry Exhibition by the President of the Royal Academy of Arts, Mr Roger De Grey, and the Academy's secretary, Mr Piers Rodgers, who is a French speaker. The French are content with these arrangements. Unfortunately the Prince of Wales will be in Australia.

We have subsequently spoken about greeting arrangements and it has been agreed that a ceremonial guard (red carpet lining party) will be arranged at Kensington Palace. These arrangements have also been agreed by the French.

I attach as an annex a list of Ministerial participation for the Summit as of today's date. We await confirmation from the French of M. Valade's inclusion and clarification of a proposal they made on 15 January to include their Minister for the Sea, M. Guellec.*

When Summit plenary meetings have been held in Number 10, the size of the Cabinet Room has kept plenary participants to an absolute minimum. This problem will not exist at Lancaster House. The French told us on 15 January that their firm preference would be for Mitterrand and Chirac to be supported in the plenary by two officials and for other Ministers to be accompanied by one. We recommend that the Prime Minister agree to this arrangement and that it be matched by similar numbers on the British side with the Head of our Western European Department as usual acting as note-taker (this would mirror arrangements for Summits in Paris). We envisage Ministers only being seated at the table, with supporting officials and the two Ambassadors behind.

I am copying this letter to Alex Allan (HM Treasury), Shirley Stagg (MAFF), Brian Hawtin (MOD), Philip Mawer (Home Office), Stephen Ratcliffe, Peter Smith and Marjorie Davies (DTI), Roy Griffin (DTP) and Peter Wardle (DES).

* I have just heard that the French have dropped their Guellec proposal

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Yours ever, *L Parker*
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Private Secretary

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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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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?

C.D.I.

Yes

Charles Powell

13 January 1988

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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.

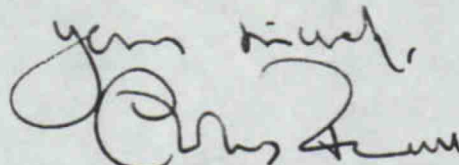
Arrangements for Greeting and Bidding Farewell

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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13 January 1988

Dear Charles,

Anglo-French Summit: 29 January 1988 *at flap*

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, HM Ambassador, Paris	M. Valade]
	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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11 December 1987

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.

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FRANCE: visit of mustards : pt 6.

