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PRIME MINISTER

CHEQUERS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MITTERRAND

President Mitterrand has agreed to the proposed meeting on Friday 1 September but would like some indications on the format.

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I assume you wish this to be a restricted meeting along the lines of that in Mont St. Michel. You would be accompanied by Charles and President Mitterrand by one of his staff, probably Madame Guigou. There would also be an interpreter. President Mitterrand might arrive at around 1100, with talks up to lunch at 1300. Lunch could be 1300-1430 and the talks could continue as long as necessary in the afternoon, possibly to around 1600.

Content to proceed on this basis?

The French have also asked whether there should be a meeting between M. Dumas and Mr. Major. I assume you would not want this to be linked to your talks at Chequers but would you be content for parallel talks to take place in London?

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Quite prepared to have the Dumas Major meeting at Chequers. We could then all join together for lunch
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(ANDREW TURNBULL)

3 August 1989

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From the Private Secretary

4 August, 1989.

MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MITTERRAND

The Prime Minister has considered the arrangements for the proposed meeting with President Mitterrand at Chequers on Friday, 1 September. She would be content for this to be a restricted meeting along the lines of that in Mont St. Michel, at which she and President Mitterrand would each be accompanied by one Private Secretary, together with an interpreter. President Mitterrand might arrive at 1100, with talks up to lunch. Lunch could then be from 1300 to 1430, with the talks continuing as long as necessary in the afternoon, possibly to around 1600.

The Prime Minister understands that the French have raised the possibility of a parallel meeting between Monsieur Dumas and Mr. Major. She would be fully content for such a meeting to take place at Chequers in the morning, and for everyone then to join together for lunch.

I should be grateful if you would now liaise as necessary with the French side.

Paul Gray

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

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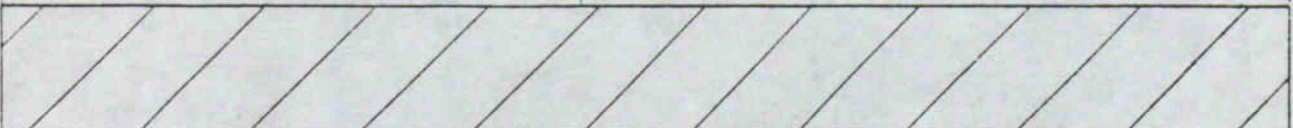
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1. The Prime Minister will be happy for the meeting with President Mitterrand on 1 September to follow the same format as that at Mont St Michel: she and President Mitterrand would each be accompanied by a Private Secretary, together with an interpreter.

2. Number 10 suggest that President Mitterrand might arrive at chequers at 1100, for talks followed by lunch from 1300-1430. Talks could continue for as long as necessary in the afternoon, perhaps to around 1600.

3. If President Mitterrand wishes to bring M. Dumas with him, I should be delighted to have talks, separately, with Dumas. The Prime Minister has suggested that Dumas and I might also hold our talks at Chequers, and join the two Heads of Government for lunch. While this arrangement would suit the Prime Minister and me well, we leave the decision up to President Mitterrand himself. We would be grateful to know his decision as soon as possible. If, by any chance, he decides against bringing



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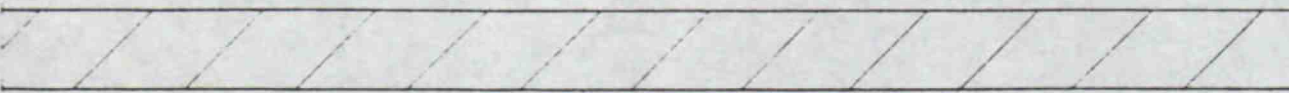
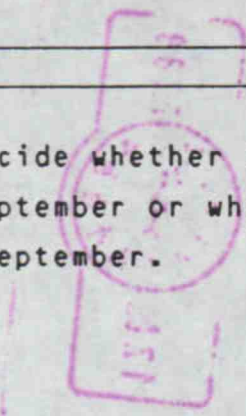
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 3 ~~to London~~ quite separately on 1 September or whether we seek to
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