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*Surely you  
 was to try  
 Waddesdon for the summit*

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9 February 1990

*Dear Charles, Agree? Off 9/2 Yes no*

**Anglo-French Summit : 4 May 1990**

We have been looking into venues and "public" events for the Anglo-French Summit on 4 May as requested in your letter of 9 November. *PLP.*

The Foreign Secretary thinks it would be right to raise the profile of the Anglo-French Summit. A venue outside London or an outside visit would achieve this.

Venue

- Leeds Castle. The conference facilities are excellent and security can be ensured.
- Glasgow ("European City of Culture" for 1990.) Suitable accommodation could be found in the City Centre, but the meetings would have to be held in the City Chambers. Security aspects would need to be looked into carefully.
- Edinburgh. Edinburgh Castle would be a prestigious and secure venue for the meeting. Accommodation could be arranged in one of the city's two 5-star hotels.

Outside Element

- Education

A number of schools in Kent and East Sussex have good language departments and strong links with France. Sussex University also has links with France. Kent University is the focal point in the UK of the ERASMUS programme.

The Foreign Secretary favours holding the summit at Leeds Castle. We would need to make the booking quickly. Leeds Castle are under pressure, with a firm booking for 3/4 May. They will have to make a decision soon.

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You might want to make an outside visit nearby. If the Prime Minister agrees we could identify quickly a Kent Secondary School with a strong French Department and a good language laboratory, or a scientific project at Kent University which would lend itself to a publicised visit by the two Heads of Government.

Yours ever,

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*From the Private Secretary*

11 February 1990

**ANGLO-FRENCH SUMMIT: 4 MAY 1990**

Thank you for your letter of 9 February about the Anglo-French Summit. The Prime Minister has expressed interest in holding at least part of the Summit at Waddesdon, the Rothschild house in Buckinghamshire, and indeed mentioned this to Jacob Rothschild some weeks ago. She would like the possibilities to be looked at very rapidly before a decision is reached. If on examination it is found not to be feasible, I imagine she would agree to Leeds Castle.

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