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THE PRIME MINISTER

17 April 1990

Jean M. President,

I am writing to invite you formally to the Anglo-French Summit at Waddesdon Manor on 4 May. I suggest that our main themes for discussion should be: the consequences of German unification, security issues, EC issues, and developments in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. There may be a number of regional issues to discuss as well. I think it will be important to have a very thorough exchange on these questions. In view of this agenda, I propose that ministerial attendance be limited to the two Foreign and Defence Ministers.

I hope these arrangements will meet with your agreement. The British Embassy in Paris will be in touch with your staff shortly to follow up more detailed arrangements.

I am greatly looking forward to our meeting and to showing you Waddesdon Manor. I shall be writing separately about my meeting with President Bush.

Yours sincerely

Rajaw Shalita

His Excellency Monsieur le President Mitterrand, G.C.B.

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From the Private Secretary

17 April 1990

I enclose the Prime Minister's letter to President Mitterrand, conveying the formal invitation to the Anglo-French Summit. I should be grateful if it could be telegraphed to Paris for delivery to the Elysée today.

C. D. POWELL

R. N. Peirce, Esq.
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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15 April 1990

From the Private Secretary

See Rickard.

ANGLO-FRENCH SUMMIT, 4 MAY

Bob Peirce wrote to me on 12 April about the arrangements for the Anglo-French Summit. I am sure the Prime Minister would be content with the revised Ministerial participation and programme, and with what you propose for participation by officials. I will put the letter to President Mitterrand to her for signature.

Yours sincerely,

C. D. POWELL

Richard Gozney, Esq.
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12 April 1990

Law Charles

Anglo-French Summit: 4 May

Thank you for your letters of 22 March and 2 April.

We have informed the French informally of the Prime Minister's preference as regards participation by Ministers. Officials at the Elysee have indicated that President Mitterrand's preference too would be for restricted participation. In practice, this means foreign and defence ministers only: we have been informed that the Chancellor of the Exchequer would not be able to attend the Summit (but, as I mentioned in my letter of 21 March, he and M Bérégovoy are meeting anyway on 15 May).

We think it advisable to put our ideas formally to the French soon, so that we can start tying down the administrative arrangements. The Prime Minister might like to write to President Mitterrand. I enclose a draft.

As to the programme, we agree that it would be best to hold the press conference before lunch. This means a programme along the following lines:

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| - 0945 | Arrive at Waddesdon |
| - 1000-1130 | Bilateral Meetings |
| - 1145-1230 | Plenary Session |
| - 1240-1330 | Press Conference |
| - 1330-1500 | Lunch |
| - 1500-1530 | Break (further tête à tête session or walk in the grounds) |
| - 1530-1630 | Tour of Waddesdon Manor |
| - 1645 | Depart for Northolt |

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Your letter of 22 March set out your views on participation at the lunch. It would also be helpful to have your views on participation by officials in the Prime Minister's talks with President Mitterrand and at the Plenary Session. We assume that you would wish to keep numbers down to principals plus one each at the former. For the latter, we suggest that the Prime Minister and President Mitterrand be accompanied by one adviser each and that the other ministers attend unaccompanied other than by the two ambassadors.

We shall write again shortly on possible themes for inclusion in the joint declaration.

Yours ever
R N Peirce

(R N Peirce)
Private Secretary

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FROM: Prime Minister

TO: President Mitterrand

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