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Dear Charles,

Anglo-French Summit  
Administrative Arrangements

Thank you for your letter of 27 April. The French have finally provided details of accompanying officials. They have dropped M. Bianco (Secretary General at the Elysée); his place at the tête à tête, Plenary and Ministerial lunch will be taken by M. Jacques Attali (Special Adviser to President Mitterrand). We have also made a minor change to that part of the programme which does not directly affect the Prime Minister: from 1045 - 1130 the Foreign and Defence Ministers will meet jointly.

The details of participation are as follows:

- Prime Minister's Meeting with President Mitterrand:

Principals accompanied by you and M Attali;

- Plenary Session:

Prime Minister  
Foreign Secretary  
Defence Secretary  
You

HMA Paris  
Mr Mottram, MOD

Mr Weston, FCO

Nigal Cox (Note-taker)

President Mitterrand

M. Dumas  
M. Chevenement  
M. Attali

French Ambassador  
Vice Admiral Lanxade  
(Elysee Defence Staff)

M. Vedrine (President  
Mitterrand's Spokesman  
and Defence Adviser)

Mme. Guigou (President's  
EC Adviser)

M. Hennekine (President's  
Diplomatic Adviser)

- awd note taker.

- Ministerial Lunch:

The 6 principals; yourself, HMA Paris and Mr Ingham;  
Vice Admiral Lanxade, the French Ambassador, M Attali and  
M Vedrine; Lord and Lady Rothschild.

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Interpretation

M Thiery has confirmed his willingness to interpret both ways in the Prime Minister's bilateral with the President. Interpretation arrangements for the other sessions are now as follows:

- Plenary (simultaneous, using infra-red/CCTV system):  
Mrs Mary Penney and Mr Leo Scherman;
- Press Conference (simultaneous): Mrs Penney and M Thiery;
- Lunch (consecutive): Mrs Penney and M Thiery.

The second French interpreter, Mme Bourdelet-Goffinet will attend the Defence Ministers' bilateral in case of need.

The Foreign Secretary will be glad to see President Mitterrand and his party off at Northolt after the Summit.

I am copying this letter to Sonia Phippard (Cabinet Office) and Simon Webb (MOD).

*Yours ever,*  
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*Dear Charles,*

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Anglo-French Summit: 4 May 1990

Thank you for your letter of 27 April. The Head of Western European Department, Hilary Synnott, will leave for Bonn immediately after the Summit in order to attend the 2 + 4 Ministerial meeting on 5 May. Therefore the Assistant, Nigel Cox, will go to Waddesdon to take the note of the plenary session.

*Yours ever,*

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*From the Private Secretary*

27 April 1990

*Dear Steph.*

ANGLO-FRENCH SUMMIT  
ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

Thank you for your letter of 27 April about the administrative arrangements for the Anglo-French Summit. These all seem to be going very well. I do not think there will be any difficulty in finding a place for the Foreign Secretary and his detective on the helicopter, although in extremis the detective might have to go separately. The Prime Minister would be most grateful if the Foreign Secretary were to see President Mitterrand off at Northolt after the meeting.

I agree with you that the French ideas on participation at the Plenary session are rather exaggerated and we ought to try to reduce them to 4 or 5 plus a notetaker. I think the two Ambassadors should attend the Ministerial lunch and so should Bernard Ingham on our side making it up to 15.

As regards interpretation, I know the Prime Minister's preference will be to use only M. Thierry for the bilateral if he is willing to translate in both directions. Could you please establish whether he is so willing.

Amanda Ponsonby is in touch separately about gifts. The Prime Minister has suggested a signed Piper print of Waddesdon. I would defy anyone to have recognised President Mitterrand's last gift as a teapot: let's hope this one will be more easily recognisable!

*Yours sincerely,*  
A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Charles Powell'.

(CHARLES POWELL)

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*Jean Charles,*

Anglo-French Summit, 4 May: Administrative Arrangements

The French Chief of Protocol has carried out his reconnaissance visit to Waddesdon. GHF and our Protocol Department will be finalising the programme and full administration plans in the next few days.

On 26 April you sent us President Mitterrand's message agreeing to the Prime Minister's proposals on ministerial participation and the agenda (her letter of 17 April to President Mitterrand). The programme has also been agreed:

0945	President Mitterrand and his party arrive at Waddesdon
1000-1130	Bilateral meetings
1145-1230	Plenary Session
1240-1330	Joint press conference
1330 (for 1345)-1515	Lunch
1515-1545 Break	(possibility of further talks or a walk in the grounds)
1545-1645	Tour of Waddesdon Manor
1650	Depart for Northolt

I understand that the Prime Minister is travelling to Waddesdon Manor by helicopter, leaving Wellington Barracks at 0850 and arriving at Waddesdon at 0915, and that there are two places available in principle for the Foreign Secretary and his detective. Is this all right? The Defence Secretary will travel to Waddesdon separately, also by helicopter.

We assume that the Prime Minister will not wish to accompany President Mitterrand to Northolt after the Summit. The Foreign Secretary would be happy to do so.

Participation

For the Prime Minister's bilateral meeting with President Mitterrand the French have agreed to our proposal that the Prime Minister and President should be accompanied by one adviser each.

For the Plenary Session we had been thinking that the Prime Minister and President should be accompanied by one adviser each, and the Foreign and Defence Ministers and the two Ambassadors. However, the French here say they would like to include 8 or 9 senior officials. They would sit behind

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their principals, not at the table. This seems excessive and we might ask them to reduce to 4 or 5 (including President Mitterrand's Adviser and their Ambassador).

For the lunch you said in your letter of 22 March said that you could agree to the President being accompanied by 2 or 3 members of his staff as well as Foreign and Defence Ministers. The French would like the President and the 2 Ministers to be accompanied by a total of 3 advisers, which meets your bill.

I should be grateful to know whether you can agree to these suggestions. If so we suggest that British participation at the Plenary might include 4 officials: yourself, HMA Paris, John Weston and an MOD official. I am pursuing separately the question of a notetaker. You have said that at the lunch you would be the only British official. This would mean, with Lord and Lady Rothschild, a total of 12, There will be a separate lunch for other officials, including the two Ambassadors.

We have no definite news yet from the French on the names of officials in the French party. We are therefore unable to say which officials will accompany the Foreign and Defence Secretaries in their bilateral meetings.

Interpretation

Consecutive interpretation will be provided during the Prime Minister's talks with the President by M Thierry and Mrs Maria Fairweather. I said in my letter of 21 March that there will be simultaneous interpretation during the Plenary Session. This will be provided by two British interpreters, Mrs Mary Penney and Mr L Scherman. (Neither of the French interpreters use the infra-red/CCTV system which will be in use.) Mr Scherman is an experienced French mother-tongue interpreter. The interpreters will be out of sight. Simultaneous interpretation at the press conference will be provided by Mrs Penney and M Thierry.

Gifts

We understand that President Mitterrand will bring a gift for the Prime Minister. We are told that it is likely to be a Sevres teapot.

We shall write again on content early next week.

I am copying this letter to Simon Webb (MOD)

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*From the Private Secretary*

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Anglo-French Summit

It would be very helpful to have someone nominated as note-taker for the plenary session of the Anglo-French Summit next week. Could you please find someone to take on this task.

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