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From the Private Secretary

13 June 1991

ANGLO-FRENCH SUMMIT 1991

The FCO passed to me Mr. Gummer's letter to the Foreign Secretary suggesting that he might attend the Anglo-French Summit.

As we discussed, the Prime Minister thinks this an excellent idea and has asked the FCO to arrange it with the French.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Christopher Prentice (Foreign and Commonwealth Office) and to Sonia Phippard (Cabinet Office).

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From the Minister

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Dear French Secretary

ANGLO-FRENCH SUMMIT 1991

I have seen Sir Patrick Wright's letter of 30 May to his Permanent Secretary colleagues about preparations for the Anglo-French Summit in two weeks' time. I note that the French have not yet made firm proposals on participation and I should like to suggest that we might from our side suggest including Agriculture Ministers on each side.

Discussion of Community business will naturally extend to agriculture. Indeed, after the two IGCs, issues over CAP Reform and GATT agriculture are probably the largest issues facing the Community in the second half of this year. It proved very useful to tackle agriculture at our corresponding Summit with the Germans in March and we would certainly not want to give the French the impression that we gave less weight to their views in this area than to those of the Germans. That apart, it would be extremely useful to have an opportunity of concerting views with them in late June, when new moves both by Dunkel on GATT and MacSharry on CAP Reform will probably be just round the corner.

I would certainly be willing to join you in Dunkirk if the French agree to the idea. I should be very glad if the FCO would put it to them. My French counterpart, Louis Mermaz should have that day free in his diary because we had been holding it in reserve for an Agriculture Council which has been rescheduled for later in the week.

A copy of this letter goes to Sir Robin Butler.

Yours sincerely
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Approved by the Minister
and signed in his absence.

