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*From the Private Secretary*

17 June 1991

*Dear Richard,*

ANGLO/FRENCH SUMMIT

Christopher Prentice wrote to me on 14 June with an outline programme of the Anglo/French Summit.

The programme is manageable though it is now very short indeed.

Pierre Morel telephoned this morning to confirm that an announcement of the visit would be made today. He proposed to include a list of participants but since this included the Chancellor of the Exchequer (who hopes to be at ECOFIN) and did not include the Minister of Agriculture (about whose participation M. Morel had not heard) we agreed that it would be better simply to say that the Summit could take place next Monday and not to list participants at this stage. I repeated that the Prime Minister attached importance to Mr Gummer being there.

M. Morel said he would get back to me about the participation of Agriculture Ministers. He was also rather pressing about the desirability of Finance Ministers being at the Summit rather than ECOFIN. I said that the clash was unfortunate but it was a very important ECOFIN. Morel said he would consult.

Morel said that we would shortly be getting from the French Embassy in London suggestions for the agenda. He rattled off the following list:

- international affairs (including security and defence)
- the London Economic Summit
- the Middle East
- disarmament
- security in Europe

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- Yugoslavia
- Cyprus
- future co-ordination of humanitarian action (lessons from Iraq)
- European Community issues
- bilateral relations including political consultation ("how we interact"); economic, industrial and technical co-operation; defence.

I suggested that the subjects on top of the Prime Minister's agenda would be:

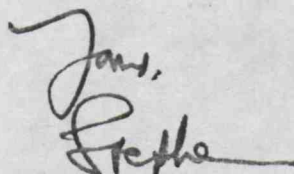
- the European Council, including CSFP
- bilateral defence and security co-operation
- the London Summit

The Heads of Government should perhaps focus on those items given the lack of time available. Maybe the broader international issues, like the Middle East, Yugoslavia and Cyprus, could be discussed primarily by Foreign Ministers. Morel agreed. He said that the lunch would not be a plenary but would be an opportunity for the President and the Prime Minister to pursue their discussion, with the participation of the other Ministers. The other Ministers would not report on their separate discussions until the afternoon plenary.

The idea of discussing future co-ordination of humanitarian action strikes me as a good one we might build up. Could Foreign and Defence Ministers be invited to co-operate in drawing the lessons from Northern Iraq and planning for future co-operation?

BS // I should be grateful if briefing for the visit could reach me no later than Thursday 20 June. I should be grateful if the briefing could include an outline of the kind of statement we might make to the press after the meeting.

I am copying this letter to Simon Webb (Ministry of Defence), Jeremy Heywood (HM Treasury), David Rossington (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food) and Sonia Phippard (Cabinet Office).

  
J.S. Wall

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*From the Private Secretary*

20 June 1991

*Dear Jeremy,*

ANGLO-FRENCH SUMMIT: ECOFIN

After consulting the Prime Minister, I have told Morel (Elysée) that the Chancellor will have to leave Dunkirk on Monday in time to be in Brussels for the start of ECOFIN at 1400 hours. I said that the Prime Minister much regretted the conflict of engagements, but the Chancellor had already asked all his ECOFIN colleagues to postpone the start of the meeting. We could not postpone it any further, and he had to be there at the beginning. The Prime Minister hoped the President would understand.

Morel appeared to take this news in his stride.

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

*Jans,*  
*Stephen*

STEPHEN WALL

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14 June 1991

*Dear Stephen,*

Anglo/French Summit

As Mr Bean will have told you following yesterday's recce visit to Dunkirk, the Programme for the Summit is now as follows:

1200	All bar No 10 party arrive at Calais Airport.
1235	Ministerial Bilaterals.
1330	No 10 Party arrive Dunkirk by helicopter.
1340	Prime Minister's meeting with President Mitterrand
1415-1515	Lunch
1525-1610	Plenary
1615-1640	Press Conference

The No 10 Party will depart by helicopter at 1650, and the others will transfer to Calais Airport for the return flight.

We have heard nothing from the French on agenda priorities. We recommend that the main subjects might be covered as follows:

Prime Minister/President Mitterrand

- Luxembourg European Council; Domestic constraints affecting major IGC subjects;
- European Defence;
- Iraq: co-ordination of withdrawal with US: support for Kurds post-withdrawal; Baker Middle East Initiative.

Foreign Secretary/Dumas

- Luxembourg Summit: main EPU points of difficulty;

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- Luxembourg Political Co-operation subjects;
- WEU Ministerial/European Defence Issues;
- French Disarmament plans.
- UN Issues (Security Council: UK/German humanitarian relief initiative).

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- Japanese cars;
- French/European policy on IT/Electronics;
- EC/EFTA, EC/Eastern Europe, Enlargement;
- GATT.

Defence Secretary/M Joxe

- The Defence Secretary will wish to concentrate on Gulf matters, NATO, WEU and Bilateral defence relations; and if there is time, nuclear co-operation, equipment issues, future defence plans and budgets, and troop levels in Germany.

Against this background, we suggest that participation by officials should be as set out below. The French have not yet let us know their proposals. If the Prime Minister is content, we shall put these ideas to the French.

Prime Minister/President Mitterrand

- HMA Paris, Mr Wall.

Foreign Secretary/M Dumas

- Private Secretary, Mr Weston, HMA Paris (until start of Prime Minister/President Mitterrand meeting).

Defence Secretary/M Joxe

- Private Secretary, Mr Mottram

/Mr Garel-Jones

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Mr Garel-Jones/Mme Guigou

- Private Secretary, Mr Jay.

The French have suggested that HMA Paris and Mr Wall should attend the Ministerial lunch, but that all may attend the Plenary Session. It would be helpful to know whether the Prime Minister is content with this.

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

*Yours ever,  
Christopher Prentice.*

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