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PRIME MINISTER

**ANGLO/FRENCH SUMMIT: MONDAY: MEDIA ARRANGEMENTS**

There will be considerable British media interest in your meeting with President Mitterrand on Monday. Most of the photocall opportunities will be pooled, although there should be open coverage of your arrival ceremony (the Honour Guard), and of course, your Joint Press Conference with President Mitterrand just before you leave. In addition, your interview with "Le Figaro" may attract further coverage, in the British media, following publication in France on Monday.

I attach a copy of your programme highlighting when the media will be present.

*Peter Bean*

PETER BEAN  
Press Office

21 June 1991

PROGRAMME FOR THE ANGLO/FRENCH SUMMIT: DUNKIRK: 24 JUNE 1991

- 11.20 Depart No 10 for Chelsea Barracks.
- 11.30 Arrive Barracks: embark Helicopter.
- 11.35 Depart by air for Dunkirk.  
(Flying time 55 minutes, plus 1 hour time difference)
- 13.30 Arrive Dunkirk Stadium: met by Sir Ewen Fergusson, HM  
Consul Lille, the Honorary Consul Dunkirk, plus French  
Protocol Official.  
Drive to Town Hall.
- (PRESS TO COVER YOUR ARRIVAL)
- 13.35 Arrive Town Hall: met by President Mitterrand, who  
accompanies you during your inspection of the Guard of  
Honour. (Pause at the Standards, where national  
anthems will be played.)
- (PRESS WILL COVER)
- Walk to Town hall. Meet the Mayor of Dunkirk: sign  
Visitors Book.
- 13.45 Tete-a-Tete with President Mitterrand begins.
- (SMALL PRESS POOL WILL COVER FIRST FEW MOMENTS)
- 14.15 Talks end. Walk to Restaurant for lunch.
- (PRESS MAY COVER YOUR WALK TO THE RESTAURANT)
- 14.17 Arrive Maison de l'Armateur: join Secretaries of State  
for drinks, followed by lunch.
- (SHORT PHOTOCALL AT BEGINNING OF LUNCH)
- 15.15 Lunch ends. Walk to Communaute Urbaine de Dunkerque  
building.
- 15.20 Met by local officials. Ascend to 6th Floor.  
Plenary talks begin.
- (SMALL PRESS POOL WILL COVER FIRST FEW MOMENTS)
- 16.10 Talks end. Prepare for Press Conference.  
(Descend to Ground Floor when ready.)
- 16.15 JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE
- 16.45 Farewells. Drive to Stadium: embark Helicopter.
- 16.50 Depart by air for Wellington Barracks.  
(Flying time 55 minutes less 1 hour time difference.)
- 16.45 Arrive Wellington Barracks.

Prime Minister

MR WALL

**ANGLO/FRENCH SUMMIT IN DUNKIRK: 24 JUNE 1991**

I visited Dunkirk yesterday to recce ahead of the Anglo/French Summit later this month. The French seemed still to be tinkering with the programme, but it does now appear to have taken firm shape. I attach a draft of what is proposed from which you will see that Mitterrand would like the Prime Minister to arrive at 13.30. This means a shorter bilateral and a slightly later departure time, of 16.45. (This should still allow return to Wellington Barracks by 17.00 BST, but leaves precious little room for slippage.)

The French have also said that they would like the Ministerial meetings to last only around an hour. Our Ministerial team will now arrive at 12.30 in Dunkirk, for talks up until just before 14.00. They will then leave for the luncheon venue, arriving there some 5 or 10 minutes before the Prime Minister and President Mitterrand.

The room set aside for the lunch is quite small. As a result, our understanding is that only the principals, Ministers, you and HMA Paris, and your opposite numbers, will attend the lunch. Other senior officials and Private Secretaries will lunch separately. It would be helpful, please, if you could confirm this is the case when you next speak to Morrel.

There are plenty of good photo opportunities during the Summit. For the Press Conference, where there will be simultaneous translation for all, the French propose that only the President and Prime Minister sit at the top table. Ministers will be seated below and to the right of them. You may care to have a few moments, after the Plenary ends, to prepare for the Press Conference, and I have reflected this in the programme. You may wish to alert Morrel to this, which might mean that the Press Conference would only last 25 minutes.

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**PETER BEAN**  
Press Office

14 June 1991

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- 16.55 Arrive Wellington Barracks: return to No 10.
- 17.00 Arrive No 10.