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VERSAILLES: BILATERAL WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN

1. I should record developments today.

A + B 2. To begin consideration of our options in the light of Washington tel no 1968, I prepared this morning the attached paper. I discussed the position with Mr Holmes, who spoke to Mr Coles this afternoon. They agreed that there was nothing that could usefully be done today. I undertook to seek through the Paris Embassy as much information as was available there on present planning of the programme.

3. The latest version of the programme available to the Embassy (I am not sure whether this has yet reached the FCO) shows that arrivals at the Grand Trianon begin at 1530 (Mr Trudeau) and conclude with President Reagan at 1830. Although Reagan is last there, he will in fact have been in France since Thursday, which is why the Americans can offer a bilateral on Friday afternoon. At 1915 all Heads of Governments would meet President Mitterrand, followed by a boat trip at 1930, which would lead on directly to dinner from 2015 to 2215. Heads of Government would then be free. On Saturday morning, delegations are due to leave their accommodation at 0855.

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B! LATERAL WITH REAGAN

HAIG HAS TELEPHONED TO SAY THAT THE PRESIDENT AND HE ARE EAGER TO SEE THE PRIME MINISTER AND YOU IN FRANCE ON FRIDAY EVENING. THE DIFFICULTY IS THAT THERE IS A BOAT TRIP AT VERSAILLES IN THE EARLY PART OF THE EVENING. THEY WOULD GLADLY AVOID IT BUT FEAR THIS WOULD OFFEND MITTERAND. THEY SUGGEST, INSTEAD, MEETING IN PARIS FROM 1500 TO 1600 EITHER AT U.S.A. EMBASSY OR RESIDENCE. WOULD THIS BE POSSIBLE FOR US?

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OPTIONS

I TRAVEL TO PARIS EARLIER

Probably not. Apart from any difficulties at this end, the French would probably find it difficult to unscramble their protocol.

II CANCEL THE BOAT TRIP

As the Americans say, this would seem likely to offend the French.

III BILATERAL AFTER DINNER

Probably alright for logistics, but the participants may by 2230 ~~start~~ begin to feel it a long day.

IV SATURDAY WORKING BREAKFAST

Looks alright, save that the US may have other commitments - they avoided taking up our offer. Also, rather less than 1 hour would be available unless we brought breakfast back to, say, 0730.