

PRIME MINISTER

c. Mr Ingham

VISIT TO FRANCE AND GERMANY

I have been in contact with the offices of President Mitterrand and Chancellor Kohl during the day and have agreed arrangements for you to meet both the President and the Chancellor on Monday 23 March. At French request, we propose to announce the visit at lunchtime tomorrow. We shall say that you will be visiting France and the Federal Republic of Germany for informal consultations with President Mitterrand and Chancellor Kohl before your visit to Moscow.

President Mitterrand has suggested that he should meet you at Calvados in Normandy. This would mean flying to Caen (55 minutes). The proposal is that you should have a working lunch with President Mitterrand and then fly on to Bonn (1 hour 10 minutes) where you will meet Chancellor Kohl from 4-6 pm and then return to London.

Both the meetings will be between Heads of Government only, each with a notetaker. There is unlikely to be time for any formal press conference but no doubt there will be an opportunity to make a few remarks to the press at the end of each meeting. Bernard will of course accompany you.

All being well, we should have you back in No. 10 by approximately 6.30 pm, allowing for the one hour's time difference.

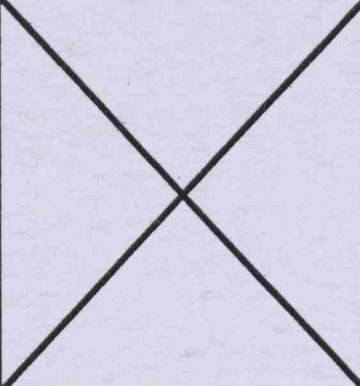
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CHARLES POWELL

9 March 1987

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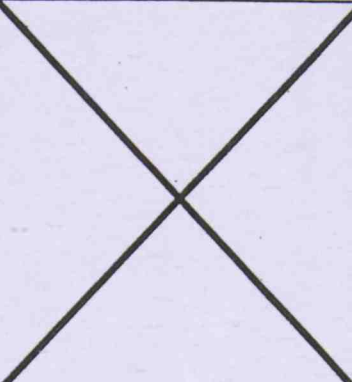
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Prime Minister

You have not actually
pronounced on this.

Of the days proposed by
Mitterrand, Monday 23 March
(diary entry attached) is relatively
free. One might for
instance hold the Strategy
Group at 0900 & then
leave for a meeting with
Mitterrand (and Kohl). We could
postpone order until the next
day. But I do not want
to push you.

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MR POWELL

with CDP?

Thank you for your minute of 6 March about President Mitterrand's suggestion that the Prime Minister and he should meet.

2. Monsieur Attali rang back this afternoon, before I had a chance to ring him. I spoke as instructed in the last paragraph of your minute of 6 March. Monsieur Attali said that the President would be very glad to know that the Prime Minister would welcome a talk; he had been asked to make it clear to me that the President was extremely keen to talk to the Prime Minister. He had been instructed to propose possible dates. The dates which he proposed were 16 and 23 March and 1 April.

[You could not manage any of these]

3. I said that I thought that on 1 April the Prime Minister was expected to be in Moscow. I would of course consult immediately about the two earlier dates, though I knew that her diary was under extreme pressure between now and her departure for Moscow. Monsieur Attali said that the President now had it in mind to meet somewhere near the Channel coast, so as to make it as easy as possible for the Prime Minister to fit it in.

4. I said that I would be in touch again with Monsieur Attali after the weekend.

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ROBERT ARMSTRONG

6 March 1987

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From the Private Secretary

6 March 1987

I enclose copies of a minute from Sir Robert Armstrong and my reply dealing with an invitation from President Mitterrand to the Prime Minister to visit Paris to discuss Mr. Gorbachev's latest arms control proposals.

I have suggested to Sir Robert Armstrong that he should not act upon my reply until after the weekend, in case there may be second thoughts.

(C.D. Powell)

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