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*From the Private Secretary*

19 March 1987

SUMMITS WITH FRANCE AND GERMANY IN 1987

Thank you for your letter about bilateral Summits with France and Germany later this year.

As your letter recognises, any suggestions have to be tentative this year. But subject to that warning, we have identified Friday 25 September as a possible date for the Germans and Monday 23 November for the French. You may like to try these.

(Charles Powell)

Lyn Parker, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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meetings  
with Hutterand

28th

? 9th Nov.

? 23rd Nov.



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Charles have  
pencilled in these  
two dates - now  
between but  
the only ones  
available.

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You might like  
to look at this.

If all depends, of  
course, on when  
an election is held.

But can we  
identify tentative  
dates in November  
which we could  
phil in. Ideally Mondays

or  
~~at~~ Kridley.

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13 March 1987

Dear Charles,

Summits with France and Germany in 1987

Since it is for the Prime Minister as host to take the initiative in proposing dates for the next Anglo-French and Anglo-German Summits, we see advantage in giving some thought to possible dates in case Mitterrand or Kohl raise the question during the Prime Minister's meetings with them on 23 March.

Leaving other considerations aside, the natural time for the next Anglo-German Summit would be September, one year after the last summit in Bonn. The Anglo-French Summit could be held after the Party Conference in late October, before the new session of Parliament in November. It might be preferable to avoid dates too close to the State Visit by President Cossiga of Italy (17-20 November). There is no need to consider the timing of the next summit with Italy at this stage.

If you can identify dates which would suit the Prime Minister, we could put them to the French and Germans in advance of the Prime Minister's meetings on 23 March. There would then be no need for the matter to be mentioned at the meetings (in view of the question whether or not Chirac would attend the summit, discussion at this stage with Mitterrand might in any case be best avoided). Otherwise, if the subject is raised by Mitterrand or Kohl, the Prime Minister could say simply that we were considering dates and would be in touch through official channels.

Yours ever, *L. Parker*

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