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MEETING WITH M. CHIRAC

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You agreed in principle that you would be ready to go over to Paris one Saturday in the second half of November for a meeting with M. Chirac ahead of the European Council.

It now turns out that he cannot manage either of the Saturdays. He has counter-proposed an early working supper on Sunday 22 November. He envisages you getting to Paris at about 1600-1630 and leaving at 1930-2000. It would be quite timely since he goes to Copenhagen to see the Danish Presidency the following day.

Agree to this?

There is then the separate question of whether you would want me to see if Chancellor Kohl could manage a meeting on the morning of 22 November.

May I pursue this?

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Dear Charles,

Anglo-French and Anglo-German Summits

The French Embassy have now confirmed to us that Friday 29 January is acceptable as the date for the Anglo-French Summit.

Our Embassy in Bonn spoke again late last week to the Federal Chancellery about dates for the Anglo-German Summit. The Chancellery said that they would get in direct contact with you. I hope they have now done so.

Yours ever,

(L Parker)
Private Secretary

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M. Chirac is pressing you to have a half-day meeting with him, possibly at a weekend, in Paris before the European Council. The technical possibilities, if you are prepared to consider it, are:

Saturday 21 November

Sunday 22 November

Saturday 28 November

Sunday 29 November

You have to be in London for President Cossiga's dinner on Friday, 20 November. That could point to going to Paris for a morning meeting on Saturday 21 November, returning to go direct to Chequers that afternoon.

You might I suppose want to go on to Germany to see Chancellor Kohl for the other half of the day. The need to discuss EC matters ahead of the European Council would be quite a good cover for tackling him on the world economy and perhaps also on European defence.

Would you be prepared to consider something on these lines?

C.D.P.

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CHARLES POWELL

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