

PRIME MINISTER

EUROPEAN COUNCIL MADRID

We need to decide where you should stay during the European Council in Madrid.

One option is our Ambassador's residence. It's comfortable but a bit small and, more importantly, twenty-five minutes' drive from the Conference Centre.

The second option is the Eurobuilding Hotel. This sounds fairly nasty but is only three minutes from the Conference Centre. Most of the delegations are staying there. Your security officers prefer it.

The third option - invented by me - is to go to the Ritz. It is not far from the Conference Centre and is owned by Charlie Forte (who was disappointed that you did not stay there in September). Kohl is staying there with a small party. I don't know if we can still get rooms.

Could you please indicate your order of preference between:

- Residence
- ① Ritz - *if reason the time available*
- ② Eurobuiding?

We also have a choice of arrival times on Sunday 25 June. To avoid a major football match we need to arrive either at 1730 or at 2000. The former would give you time for a bilateral that evening. The latter would give you more time to finish your boxes at Chequers.

Prefer early arrival or *early*
late arrival? *not*

C.D.P.

(C.D. POWELL)

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KD: 270 0331



10 DOWNING STREET

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 Necessary
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MADRID TRIP: EURO COUNCIL.

Will you want communica-
tions on the aircraft?

The flight will take 2½ hours
and communications are
usually used for flights
over 2 hours.

Told KD's sec 27/4.

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