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MR PATTISONPrime Minister*Content with Agenda  
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objectives list is a*Anglo-French Summit: 19th September*Engone. MAP 29/8.*

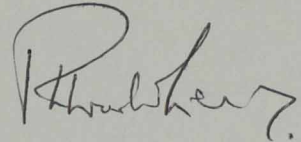
As you know, the Prime Minister will be going to Paris on the evening of 18th September for the next in the series of full-scale annual Summit meetings on 19th September. The French have told us that President Giscard will be supported at the Summit by his Prime Minister, M. Barre; the Foreign Minister, M. Francois-Poncet; the Minister of the Economy, M. Monory; the Minister of Industry, M. Giraud; the Minister of External Trade, M. Deniau; and the Minister of Transport, M. Le Theule. On the British side the Prime Minister will be accompanied by the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary; the Chancellor of the Exchequer; and the Secretaries of State for Trade and Industry.

2. The French, as hosts, will decide the shape of the discussions but we assume that the morning session will be taken up largely with tete a-tete discussions between the Prime Minister and President Giscard (for part of which M. Barre may well also be present) while other Ministers hold discussions with their opposite numbers. There might be an informal working lunch or lunches. We would expect a Plenary Session in the afternoon, followed by a press conference which must end at 5.00 pm if the Prime Minister is to arrive in Bordeaux in time for the Franco-British Council dinner at which she is to speak.

3. I attach at Annex A the draft agenda proposed by the French. We have accepted the outline of this but have proposed some detailed amendments which the French are considering (we want to cover Central America as well as the Caribbean under item 1F and to broaden item 3B to cover "internal Community problems, including institutional problems and insurance"; and we are also trying to find out what aspects of defence and disarmament the French have in mind for item 1C). Some of the European Community questions may already have been discussed or resolved at the Foreign Affairs Council meeting on 15th/16th September and it will be difficult to prepare final briefing on these items until the last moment. We shall be pointing out to the French that the proximity of the Summit to the United Nations General Assembly may preclude worthwhile discussion of the preparations at that late stage.

4. I attach at Annexes B and C our draft assessment of British and probable French objectives and at Annex D a suggested list of briefs, the preparation of which will be co-ordinated by the Cabinet Office.

5. If you can let me know on Monday that the Prime Minister is content with these arrangements we will arrange for the briefs (subject to last minute <sup>amendment</sup> ~~amendment~~ as noted above) to reach you by 12th September.



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29th August 1980

DRAFT AGENDA

1. International Political Questions
  - A. The Afghanistan Problem
  - B. East-West Relations
  - C. Defence and Disarmament problems
  - D. Middle East
  - E. Southern Africa
  - F. Other topical questions:
    - (i) Preparation for the UN General Assembly
    - (ii) South-East Asia
    - (iii) Caribbean
    - (iv) Pacific
  
2. International Economic Questions
  - A. North/South
  - B. International monetary problems
  - C. International energy problems (follow up to the Venice Conference)
  - D. Relations with the Industrialised countries (Japan/United States)
  - E. Sectoral problems (textiles, steel)
  - F. Trilogue (i.e. Euro/Arab/African multilateral cooperation)
  
3. European Questions
  - A. Enlargement of the Community
  - B. Institutional problems (location, relations with the Assembly, Commission).
  - C. Miscellaneous (cocoa, recycling, insurance, consensus (presumably interest rates), Zimbabwe and the Lomé Agreement, relations with New Zealand and Australia)



(ANNEX A cont)

4. Bilateral Questions
  - A. France/UK Relations
  - B. Economic Cooperation
    - (i) Energy
    - (ii) Industrial Cooperation
    - (iii) Transport
  - C. Cultural Relations

United Kingdom Objectives

1. To make the most of this annual opportunity to register with President Giscard, a number of his senior Ministers and so far as possible the French public, the importance of Britain as a factor in European and world affairs and the importance Britain attaches to the European Community.
2. To exchange views on East-West relations, with particular regard to Western reactions to the Soviet invasions of Afghanistan, to the situation in Poland and to the forthcoming CSCE meeting in Madrid, including the French proposal for a Conference on Disarmament in Europe (CDE).
3. To urge upon the French that any future government-supported credits for the Soviet Union should attract interest not below the internationally agreed consensus rates.
4. To harmonise views on the international economic and monetary situation, including North/South issues, energy and the Brandt Report
5. To identify areas of international trade negotiation where we and the French might most usefully co-operate. *Such as?*
6. To encourage the French to stick with the Nine on the Middle East, including Iran.
7. To encourage the French to work closely with us on Africa and in particular on Southern African problems.
8. To underline the importance we attach to restructuring the Community budget within the 1% ceiling, and to reducing the growing cost of the CAP; and our wish to keep in close touch with French thinking.
9. To make it clear that, while we will fight our corner vigorously in the forthcoming restructuring negotiations, we want to find Community solutions to avoid the re-emergence of unacceptable situations and to work closely with the French and Germans in the search for such solutions.
10. [If not agreed at Foreign Affairs Council] To emphasise the need for prompt agreement on the procedures to give effect to the 30th May Budget agreement.
11. To see whether common ground can be established with the French on other Community problems which they may raise, consistent with the maintenance of British interests.
12. To remind the French that our interests on nuclear and non-nuclear defence and arms control questions overlap and to impress on them the desirability of closer co-operation in these areas.
13. To reaffirm our commitment to the cross-Channel electricity link and to avoid commitments over North Sea oil.
14. To impress on the French our interest in the fast breeder reactor and in the scope for collaboration.
15. To review progress in the promotion of industrial collaboration between Britain and France and to urge that the new regulations on foreign investment in France be implemented flexibly.

PROBABLE FRENCH OBJECTIVES

1. To review current international political and economic issues; to assess the strength of United Kingdom views; and to explore the possibility of Anglo-French cooperation or understanding on questions, including the Middle East, Southern Africa, and relations with industrialised countries (especially Japan).
2. To identify areas of shared Franco-British practice, interest or experience, e.g. Community institutions and military nuclear capability.
3. To present the Anglo-French Summit to the media as a harmonious event, and for this reason to opt for a broad-brush discussion in preference to detailed argument about those issues on which French and British interests diverge (eg the budget/agricultural prices link-up).
4. To avoid anything which might have adverse internal political repercussions in France in the run up to the Presidential elections (May 1981).

List of Briefs

1. Steering Brief
2. European Community Questions
  - i. Community Steering Brief
  - ii. Restructuring (including strategy, CAP, own resources, new policies and 1% ceiling)
  - iii. Implementation of Budget Agreement of 30 May
  - iv. Enlargement
  - v. Community Institutions (including new Commission)
  - vi. Insurance
  - vii. Fisheries
  - viii. New Zealand/Australia
  - ix. Zimbabwe's accession to the Lome Convention
  - x. Cocoa
3. International economic questions
  - i. North/South
  - ii. International monetary problems
  - iii. International energy problems
  - iv. International trade questions (including relations with industrialised countries and sectoral problems)
  - v. Trilogue
  - vi. World economy
4. Southern Africa
5. East-West relations (including Poland and China)
6. Afghanistan
7. South-East Asia
8. Middle East (including Iran)
9. Central America/Caribbean
10. Pacific (including Vanuatu)
11. Preparations for UN General Assembly
12. Defence and Arms Control (including the French proposals for a Conference on Disarmament in Europe)
13. Bilateral matters (including energy, industrial co-operation, transport, Channel Tunnel and cultural relations)
14. France: internal political and economic scene
15. France/UK relations