

PRIME MINISTER

ANGLO/FRENCH SUMMIT: ARRANGEMENTS

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I attach an outline of the programme for President Mitterrand's visit as it now stands. The changes from the programme which you saw earlier have been made in the light of M. Fiterman's participation. In particular, the plenary session on Friday has been shortened and an additional tete-a-tete between you and President Mitterrand inserted. I have assumed, in the light of our conversation on Wednesday, that you are prepared (if not overjoyed) to spend more time with the President.

*I have
dismissed
this whole
issue.
M. Fiterman will
come with
Anderson
and I will
be absent to
be at No. 10 to greet him.
not.*

In this connection, I am not sure whether you realised when you agreed to meet M. Mitterrand at Northolt that you would have to spend forty minutes in a car with him on the journey from Northolt to Downing Street and that we have no suitable, i.e. armoured, car with room for an interpreter. I fear there seems to be no way out of this. However, I have said that you would not go out to Northolt to say goodbye to M. Mitterrand but would bid farewell here at No. 10 after lunch on Friday. Agree?

We discussed briefly the difficulty created by M. Fiterman's presence for the working lunch. The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary thinks that it would be awkward to arrange the working lunch in such a way as to exclude M. Fiterman, who is the most senior of the Ministers accompanying the President. Perhaps the simplest solution would be to confirm your earlier agreement that everyone at the plenary would be welcome at lunch but to arrange the lunch at, say, three round tables of six or seven. We could then seat M. Fiterman at a different table from M. Mitterrand and yourself. Agree?

Yes.

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I also attach an annotated agenda for the discussions which will take place during the visit. Given the imperfect matching of Ministerial responsibilities, it was necessary to draft the agenda in more detail than usual. I have said that briefing should be completed on the basis of this agenda. Content?

/Your briefing

Your briefing meeting for the visit will be held at 1630 on Wednesday 9 September. I suggest that all the Ministers participating in the talks should attend, i.e. the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Lord Privy Seal, the Secretaries of State for Trade, Industry, Energy, and Education and Science, the Minister of State (Mr. Tebbit) and the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Mr. Marshall) at the Department of Industry. A few senior officials should, perhaps, also attend, i.e. Sir Robert Armstrong, Sir Michael Palliser, Sir Kenneth Couzens, HM Ambassador to Paris and Mr. Franklin. Agree?

Yes not

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4 September 1981

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PROGRAMME

Thursday 10 September

1515	President Mitterrand arrives at Northolt. Met by the Prime Minister
1600	Tete-a-tete talks
1800	President Mitterrand leaves <u>No. 10</u> for the <u>French Ambassador's Residence</u>
1920	Arrival at the Albert Hall for Promenade Concert
1955	Depart Albert Hall
2015 for 2030	Dinner at No. 10

Friday 11 September

0945	Tete-a-tete talks
1045	Plenary Session
1155	Depart No. 10 for Millbank Tower
1200	Joint Press Conference
1230	Return to Downing Street
1245 for 1300	Working Lunch
1445	End of official programme

ANGLO-FRENCH SUMMIT; ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. EUROPEAN COMMUNITY TOPICS

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|---|---|--|
| (a) <u>30 May Mandate</u> | M. Cheysson :
M. Chandernagor
M. Delors | Lord Carrington
Sir I Gilmour
Sir G Howe |
| (b) <u>Enlargement</u> | M. Cheysson
M. Chandernagor | Lord Carrington
Sir I Gilmour |
| (c) <u>Improvement of Political Co-operation (if required after Brocket Hall)</u> | M. Cheysson | Lord Carrington |
| (d) <u>Future development of the Common Agricultural Policy</u> | M. Chandernagor
M. Cheysson | Sir I Gilmour
Lord Carrington |
| (e) <u>Future development of the Common Fisheries Policy</u> | M. Chandernagor
M. Cheysson | Sir I Gilmour
Lord Carrington |
| (f) <u>Trade Policy Issues</u> | | |
| - in general | M. Delors | Mr Biffen
or Sir G Howe |
| - Japan | M. Dreyfus | or Sir K Joseph |
| - MFA Negotiations | M. Dreyfus | or Sir K Joseph |
| - GATT Ministerial meeting in Autumn 1982 | M. Delors | or Sir G Howe |
| (g) <u>Common market in Insurance</u> | M. Delors | Sir G Howe |
| (h) <u>Scope for Community Cooperation in Research and Innovation</u> | M. Chevènement | Sir K Joseph |
| (i) <u>Problems of declining industries</u> | M. Dreyfus | Sir K Joseph |
| (j) <u>Air-fares</u> | M. Fiterman | Mr Biffen |
| (k) <u>European air-space</u> | M. Fiterman | Mr Biffen |

2. INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

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| (a) <u>Relations with developing countries (including Cancun Summit)</u> | M. Cheysson | Lord Carrington |
| (b) <u>Prospects for world economy</u> | M. Delors | Sir G Howe |
| (c) <u>Export Credits Consensus Rates</u> | M. Delors | Sir G Howe |
| (d) <u>Arms Control and Disarmament</u> | M. Cheysson | Lord Carrington |
| (e) <u>East/West Relations (including Poland)</u> | M. Cheysson | Lord Carrington |
| (f) <u>Afghanistan</u> | M. Cheysson | Lord Carrington |
| (g) <u>Southern Africa</u> | M. Cheysson | Lord Carrington |
| (h) <u>Arab/Israel</u> | M. Cheysson | Lord Carrington |
| (i) <u>Central American and Caribbean</u> | M. Cheysson | Lord Carrington |

3. BILATERAL RELATIONS

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| (a) <u>Possibilities for Industrial Cooperation (including future of Anglo-French Industrial Cooperation Committee)</u> | M. Dreyfus | Sir K Joseph |
| (b) <u>Defence and Security</u> | M. Cheysson | Lord Carrington |
| (c) <u>Civil Nuclear Collaboration</u> | M. Chevènement | Mr Howell |
| (d) <u>Cross-channel link</u> | M. Fiterman | Mr Fowler |
| (e) <u>Defence procurement</u> | M. Dreyfus | Sir K Joseph |

(f) <u>Concorde and Airbus</u>	M. Fiterman	Mr Tebbit (and Mr Biffen)
(g) <u>Space</u>	M. Chevènement	(Mr Marshall or Mr Cooper, DOI)
(h) <u>Research</u>	M. Chevènement	Mr Carlisle (or (Mr MacFarlane)
(i) <u>Cultural Matters</u>	M. Cheysson	Lord Carrington
(j) <u>Civil Service Exchanges</u>	M. Cheysson	Lord Carrington
(k) <u>Franco-British Council</u>	M. Cheysson	Lord Carrington