

PRIME MINISTER

Visit of President Mitterrand

President Mitterrand will arrive at Northolt at 1115 on Monday 17 May. We think it desirable that you should meet him at the airport. Agree?

11- is only an informal visit. It is really necessary for me to go to

We could suggest that he lets you leave first so that you are at No. 10 to greet him. He could then travel with his Ambassador so that the latter can brief him for his talks with you. Agree?

40 Airport?

We usually have an OI at 10 am - 1

The talks would begin at about 1200. I suggest that the working lunch is attended by:

Should have been away (S in head) for 1 1/2 days.

- President Mitterrand
- Monsieur Attali
- A French Minister if the President wishes to bring one
- The French Ambassador
- A Private Secretary

Could Douglas Head go?

- Yourself
- Sir Robert Armstrong
- Our Ambassador in Paris
- Douglas Hurd (if Mitterrand brings a Minister)
- A Private Secretary



Agree with this guest list?

The above arrangements will mean that for several hours on Monday you will be unable to attend to the Falklands problem. I therefore suggest that you have a meeting of OD(SA) at 0915 (you will have to leave for Northolt at about 1015) and another meeting later in the day if this proves necessary. Caroline could arrange for your hair appointment to be on Sunday evening rather than Monday morning. Agree?

No - see above

A. J. C.

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VISIT OF M. MAUROY

We have heard from M. Mauroy that he thinks it would be inappropriate for him to participate in the talks between yourself and President Mitterrand on Monday, 17 May. Mauroy therefore proposes to return direct to Paris from Edinburgh on 16 May. He hopes that this will not cause you any inconvenience.

We will therefore cancel the lunch that had been planned for M. Mauroy. President Mitterrand has suggested that he should arrive at noon on the Monday for talks before lunch and over a working lunch. Agree that we may plan on this basis? *Yes*

Mauroy would still appreciate an opportunity for a private talk with you and has suggested that an hour's discussion might be fitted in after dinner in Edinburgh on Saturday, 15 May. I am inclined to think that you will want to fly back to London as soon as dinner is over. Agree that we should suggest an hour's talks before dinner?

Yes
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A. J. C. 10/5

10 May 1982