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John Thur...

Anglo-French Summit

I hope this letter will tie up the remaining loose ends before the Summit.

As you know, M. Fabius is not now coming with President Mitterrand but is sending his Minister Delegate, M. Louis Mexandeau, whose specific responsibility is Posts and Telecommunications. He is the junior of the French ministerial delegation. One consequence of all this is that there will now be no session of talks with the Secretary of State for Energy.

X | President Mitterrand is now bringing six close advisers with him. The addition is Pierre Morel, a Technical Adviser on the Community side. We have told the French that there is unfortunately not a place for him at lunch on Friday, but I hope that if a vacancy were to occur, on the Energy side, for example, you would consider him a first replacement. He will be expecting to take part in the plenary session.

Interpretation

Mr Peers Carter will be interpreting for the Prime Minister; President Mitterrand will be bringing his own interpreter as well, M. Christopher Thiery. They will both accompany the two leaders throughout. At dinner on Thursday, an interpreter will sit behind each French Minister who does not speak English well (that is, all except M. Cheysson and Mme Cresson) and provide a whispered translation. The same will apply during the plenary session and the lunch, except that at the plenary session the opening statements by each leader will be translated consecutively. Simultaneous translation will be provided at the Press Conference.

The Prime Minister may wish to note that the President will be travelling with an entourage of about one hundred people.

I am sending copies of this letter, with a timetable of the bilateral contacts before the plenary session, to the Private Secretaries to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Secretaries of State for Defence, Trade and Industry and Energy, the Ministers of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and Trade, Mr Rifkind and Sir R Armstrong.

(R B Bone)
Private Secretary

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BILATERAL TALKS DURING THE ANGLO-FRENCH SUMMIT

Sir G Howe and M. Cheysson

Thursday 20 October : 1820 - 1920
 Friday 21 October : 0900 - 1000 (then to No. 10)

Mr Lawson and M. Delors

Friday 21 October : 0900 - 1040
 (interpreter - Mlle Caliste)

Mr Heseltine and M. Hernu

Friday 21 October : 0915 - 1040
 (interpreter - Mrs Taylor)

Mr Jopling and M. Rocard

Friday 21 October : 0900 - 1040
 (interpreter - Mr Lawrence)

Mr Channon and M. Mexandeau

Thursday 20 October : 1825 - 1920
 (interpreter - Mrs Dennis)

Mr Channon and Mme Cresson

Friday 21 October : 0915 - 1035

Mr Rifkind and M. Chandernagor

Thursday 20 October : 1820 - 1920 (Possible joint
 meeting with Sir G Howe
 and M. Cheysson)
 Friday 21 October : 0900 - 1040
 (interpreter - M. Chave)