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THE PRIME MINISTER

cc FCO
21 January 1986

My dear Ambassador,

I am most grateful to you and members of your staff, as well as the staff of the Consulate in Lille, for their help with the arrangements for the meeting in Lille yesterday to announce the choice of project for the Channel Fixed Link. I am sure that it was right to make this into a major occasion and underline the wider significance of the decision to go ahead with a Link.

Please pass on my thanks to your staff for all they did to make the occasion a success.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Sir John Fretwell, K.C.M.G.

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO LILLE, 20 JANUARY 1986 : CHANNEL FIXED
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SUMMARY

1. A VERY WARM RECEPTION FOR THE PRIME MINISTER IN LILLE FOR THE CFL ANNOUNCEMENT. GREAT MEDIA INTEREST.

DETAIL

2. THE PRIME MINISTER VISITED LILLE ON 20 JANUARY TO AGREE WITH PRESIDENT MITTERRAND THE CHOICE OF PROMOTER TO CONSTRUCT THE CHANNEL FIXED LINK, AND TO ANNOUNCE THE DECISION TO THE WORLD'SD PRESS. THE CITY PUT ON A FINE SHOW. ITS ROADS CLEARED OF TRAFFIC AND IN BRIGHT WINTER SUNSHINE, LILLE DISPLAYED ITS MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS TO MAXIMUM EFFECT.

3. APART FROM MAUROY, MAYOR OF LILLE, MITTERRAND WAS FLANKED BY AN ARRAY OF NATIONAL AND LOCAL POLITICIANS, MANY OF WHOM HAVE THEIR POLITICAL BASES IN NORTHERN FRANCE. PRIME MINISTER FABIUS, A LONG-STANDING ENTHUSIAST FOR THE CFL SINCE HIS DAYS AS INDUSTRY MINISTER, ATTENDED THE TALKS BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER AND PRESIDENT AND WAS AT MITTERRAND'S SIDE WHEN THE CHOICE OF PROJECT WAS ANNOUNCED. IN ADDITION MITTERRAND WAS ACCOMPANIED BY DUMAS, AUROUX (TRANSPORT, TOWN PLANNING AND HOUSING), JOSSELIN (TRANSPORT), LENGAGNE (MARITIME AFFAIRS AND ALSO MAYOR OF BOULOGNE), DELEBARRE (EMPLOYMENT) AND LE GARREC (PUBLIC SERVICES).

4. THE VISIT BEGAN WITH AN HOUR-LONG MEETING BETWEEN THE PRIME MINISTER AND MITTERRAND AND PARALLEL MEETINGS BETWEEN YOU AND DUMAS, MR RIDLEY AND AUROUX. HEADS OF GOVERNMENT IN THEIR MEETING CONFIRMED THE CHOICE OF THE CTG/FRANCEMANCHE PROJECT FOR THE CHANNEL FIXED LINK AND PUT FINAL TOUCHES TO THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE. THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE DISCUSSIONS WAS RELAXED AND WARM THROUGHOUT.

5. THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SUCCESSFUL CFL PROJECT WAS MADE BY THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE PRESIDENT IN LILLE'S SPLENDID HOTEL DE VILLE, FILLED TO CAPACITY WITH SCHOOL CHILDREN, WHO LINED THE ENTRANCE HALL

WAVING.

WAVING UNION FLAGS, OTHER CITIZENS OF LILLE AND SURROUNDING AREAS, AND THE MASSES RANKS OF THE MEDIA. THE PRESIDENTS BRIEF DECLARATION IN FRENCH OF THE WINNING PROJECT, LOST NONE OF ITS SIGNIFICANCE AND DRAMA EVEN THOUGH IT CONFIRMED THAT THE PROJECT MOST WIDELY TIPPED BY THE PRESS HAD INDEED WON. IN A BRIEF INTRODUCTORY SPEECH, THE PRESIDENT EMPHASIZED THE HISTORIC NATURE OF THE DECISION FOR RELATIONS BETWEEN FRANCE AND THE UK, AND MORE WIDELY ITS SIGNIFICANCE IN TERMS OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF EUROPE. THE PRIME MINISTER UNDERLINED HER VIEW OF THE SPECIAL NATURE OF THE OCCASION, EMPHASISING ALSO THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CFL FOR TRADE AND COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE UK AND FRANCE AND THE OPPORTUNITY BEING OFFERED TO THE PRIVATE SECTORS IN BOTH COUNTRIES TO UNDERTAKE A PROJECT OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE. THE FACT THAT THE PRIME MINISTER CONCLUDED HER SPEECH WITH A PASSAGE IN FRENCH WAS WARMLY APPRECIATED AND IT WAS THIS PART OF THE PROCEEDINGS WHICH WAS PROMINENTLY FEATURED ON NATIONAL TELEVISION IN THE EVENING.

6. CONCLUDING THE CEREMONY AT THE TOWN HALL, MAUROY GAVE A SHORT BUT EXPANSIVE SPEECH ABOUT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DAY TO THE TOWN, THE REGION, THE TWO COUNTRIES AND TO EUROPE. EVENTS CONCLUDED WITH THE PRESENTATION TO THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE LILLE GOLD MEDAL AND THE UNVEILING BY THE TWO HEADS OF GOVERNMENT OF A PLAQUE.

7. AT A LUNCH IN THE PREFECTURE HOSTED FOR THE PRIME MINISTER AND HER PARTY BY THE PRESIDENT, NO FORMAL SPEECHES WERE GIVEN, BUT THE PRIME MINISTER ACKNOWLEDGED THE PRESIDENT'S TOAST BY SAYING HOW MUCH SHE LOOKED FORWARD TO WELCOMING HIM TO THE UK FOR THE CFL TREATY SIGNING CEREMONY ON 12 FEBRUARY.

8. TEXTS OF SPEECHES (WHERE ISSUED) WILL FOLLOW BY BAG. MIFT GIVES AN ACCOUNT OF FRENCH PRESS COVERAGE OF THE CFL DECISION.

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10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

21 January 1986

PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. T 11A/86

Dear Mr. President,

I should like to thank you most warmly for your hospitality at yesterday's historic meeting in Lille to announce the choice of project for the Channel Fixed Link. I am sure that it was right to make this into a ceremonial occasion to underline its symbolic importance. I am most grateful to you for giving it this character.

I was also glad that we had a chance to talk about recent developments, particularly in South Yemen and in Libya. This was very valuable.

I look forward very much to seeing you in the United Kingdom on 12 February for signature of the Treaty.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Monsieur Francois Mitterrand

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THE PRIME MINISTER

21 January 1986

Dear Monsieur Mauroy,

I was delighted that yesterday's ceremony to announce the choice of project for the Channel Fixed Link was held in your great and historic city. I should like to thank you most warmly for your hospitality and that of the people of Lille.

I should be grateful if my thanks could be passed on to all those who made the arrangements for the ceremony and who were responsible for carrying them out with such efficiency and dispatch.

It was also a great pleasure to renew our acquaintance.

With my best wishes,

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Monsieur Pierre Mauroy.

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JA

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THE PRIME MINISTER

21 January 1986

Dear Mrs. Renwick

Thank you so much for coming in on Sunday evening to help me with the French passages in my speech for Lille. Thanks to your expert tuition - and I suspect an element of surprise - it seemed to go down very well. I am most grateful.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

Mrs R.W. Renwick

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message from Am
Morrison.

The French Chargé
rang with his apologies
for failing to meet
the party on return
to Heathrow.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VISIT OF THE
PRIME MINISTER AND SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND
COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS TO LILLE:
MONDAY 20 JANUARY 1986

1. DATE AND PLACE OF MEETING

The Prime Minister, accompanied by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Secretary of State for Transport together with those shown at Appendix I, will travel to Lille, France, on Monday 20 January for the Channel Fixed Link Summit Meeting.

2. PROGRAMME

An outline programme is at Appendix II.

3. TRAVEL (all times local: London = GMT; Lille = GMT + 1)

a) Outward: Monday 20 January

The Prime Minister and party will travel in an RAF VC10, Task No Ascot 1129, departing London Heathrow (Southside) at 0835 hours, arriving Lille at 1030 hours local time. Flying time: 55 minutes. (Continental breakfast to be served.)

b) Return: Monday 20 January

The RAF VC10 will be on standby at Lille from 1430 hours. If the aircraft takes off at say 1445 hours, ETA LHR Southside would also be 1445 hours. Flying time: 1 hour. (Afternoon tea to include snacks will be available.)

4. TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AND HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

a) All passengers must be in possession of a valid passport. However, it is expected that the provision of passports will be waived on arrival in Lille.

b) There are no special health requirements for France.

5. BAGGAGE AND INSURANCE

- a) Please see Appendix IV for baggage and insurance regulations on special flights.
- b) All official items and any items of personal hand baggage needed for the day trip will be cabin loaded. Labels are enclosed as follows:-

Official items	-	WHITE
Personal hand baggage	-	YELLOW

Please keep unused labels under safe cover. In addition, press hand luggage will also bear a green label. (In separate distribution)

6. WORKING ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation will be made available at the British Consulate, Lille.

7. OFFICE EQUIPMENT AND STATIONERY

Electric typewriters, photocopier, common user stationery and office equipment will be available in the British Consulate.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

Telephones

- i) The British Consulate switchboard will be manned throughout the visit.
- ii) A list of useful telephone numbers is given at Appendix V.

9. SECURITY

- a) Miss Hamilton will be documented as Special Courier for the No 19 party. Boxes and briefcases containing classified material must be entered on the respective way bill. Those concerned should contact Miss Rowan, Communications Operations Department, FCO (tel 233 3706).

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b) Members of the FCO party carrying classified documents up to and including secret are asked to apply for a Letter of Authority from their Head of Department or Departmental Security Officer (see Home Circular B 3285 of 26 April 1985). If documents with a higher classification are carried, the official will have to be documented as a Special Courier (also contact Miss Rowan, COD (tel 233 3706)).

10. TRANSPORT

a) Transport in Lille will be supplied by the French Government and the British Embassy.

b) Transport in the UK:

- i) No 10 Downing Street will be responsible for arranging transport to and from London Heathrow (Southside) for the Prime Minister and No 10 party. Members of the Department of Transport will also make their own transport arrangements.
- ii) Conference and Visits Section will arrange transport for members of the FCO party to and from London Heathrow (Southside).
- iii) The VC10 is due to take off at 0835 hours. Members of the party should arrive at the times stated in schedule of Departure Arrangements which will be issued separately.

11. PRESS

A press party will travel on the RAF VC10. Transport to and from Lille Airport and in Lille will be provided by the French Government.

12. FINANCE

- a) Costs for the No 10 party and the Conference Officer will be charged to the Management and Personnel Office. The costs for Mr Lederer and the booth interpreter plus common service costs will also be charged to the Management and Personnel Office.
- b) FCO costs will be charged to DCS Vote D1(11)(a)(iv).

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c) Other costs to parent departments.

d) Lille subsistence rates are:

Class A : F 484.00

Class B : F 363.00

Rate of Exchange : F 11.25 = £1

e) All members of the party, excluding the detectives and Mr Hart, will receive one-third of the Class A subsistence rate. The Detectives will arrange their own subsistence. Mr Lederer has separate financial arrangements.

12. ADMINISTRATION

The British Embassy, Paris and the British Consulate, Lille, will be responsible for the party in conjunction with the undersigned who will be travelling with the party.

Patricia Noble.

P A Noble (Miss)
Conference Section
Protocol Department
273 3638

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COMPOSITION OF THE PARTY
(not in protocol order)

Serial No	Name	Designation
1	The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher FRS MP	Prime Minister
<u>No 10 Downing Street</u>		
2	Mr C D Powell	Private Secretary
3	Mr D Norgrove	Economic Private Secretary
4	Mr B Ingham	Chief Press Secretary
5	Mr M Horne	Press Secretary
6	Miss M Hamilton	Duty Clerk
7	Mrs D Ailes	Secretarial Assistant
8	Det Chief Supt R Parker	Detective
9	Det Sgt R Kingston	Detective
<u>Foreign & Commonwealth Office</u>		
10	The Rt Hon Sir Geoffrey Howe QC MP	Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
11	Mr C R Budd	Private Secretary
12	Det Cons C Stickland	Detective
13	Mr R C Beetham LVO	Head of Maritime, Aviation & Environment Department
<u>Department of Transport</u>		
14	The Rt Hon Nicholas Ridley MP	Secretary of State for Transport
15	Mr R Allan S. Straight	Private Secretary

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16	Mr D Holmes	Deputy Secretary for the CFL
17	Mr A Lyall	Under-Secretary for the CFL
18	Miss J Caines	Press Officer
19	Councillor T Hart	Leader of the Kent County Council

Cabinet Office

20	Mr R Christopher	Assistant Secretary
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HM Treasury

21	Mr Kingsley Jones	Assistant Secretary
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Central Office of Information

22	Mr R Gair	Diplomatic Correspondent
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Support Staff

23	Mr R Lederer	Interpreter
24	Miss P A Noble MBE	FCO Conference Officer

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PRESS PARTY

Simon Walters	Sun
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Philip Webster	Times
Charles Rice	Standard
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Peter Hitchens	Daily Express
David Thompson	Mirror
Peter Jordan	Time Magazine (photographer)
Neil Libbert	Observer (photographer)
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John Harvey-Lee	US News & World Report
Mark Easton	Independent Radio News
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PROGRAMME

Hours

1015 Arrival of President Mitterrand at Lille Airport

1030 Arrival of VC10
President Mitterrand will meet the Prime Minister at foot of VC10 steps
Military Guard of Honour (see plan)
National Anthems
Greeting party of local dignitaries
Depart for Préfecture (car allocation in separate circulation)

1045 Tête-à-tête at Préfecture preceded by photocall (Parallel encounters between Foreign Affairs & Transport Ministers)

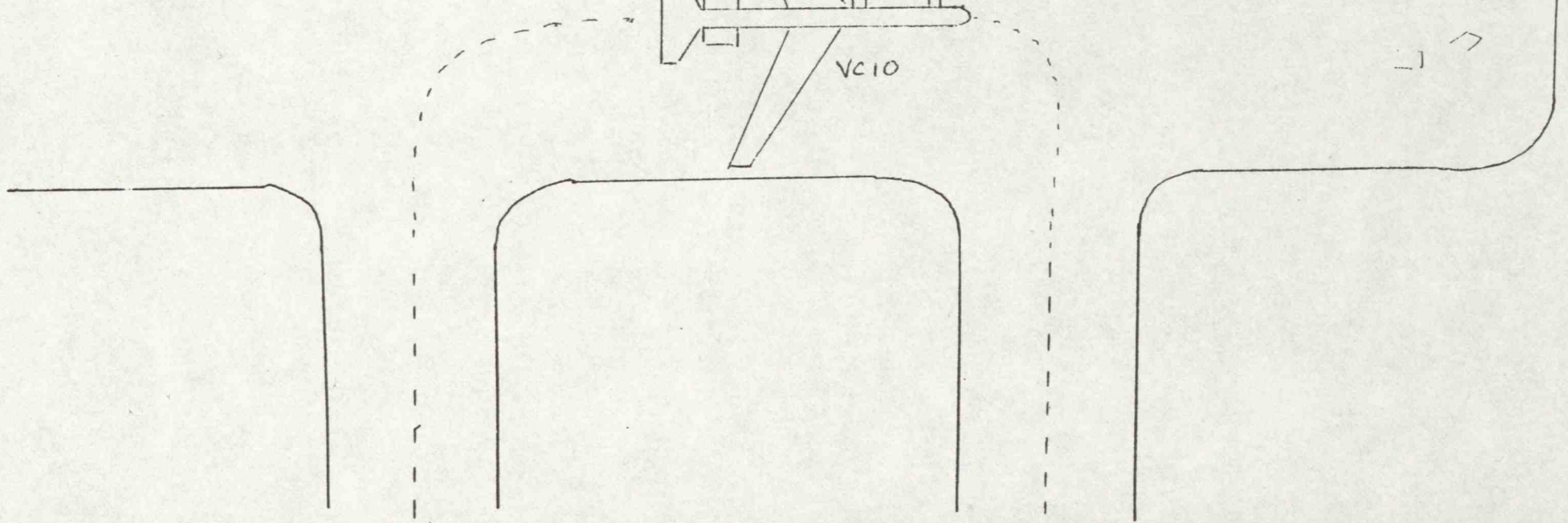
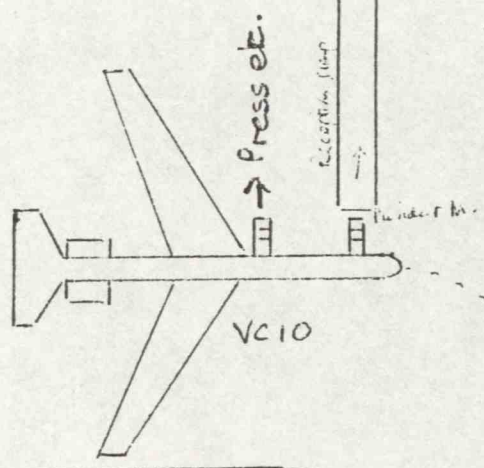
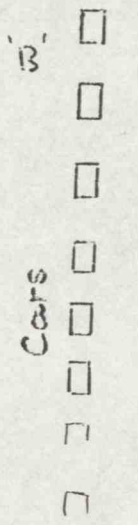
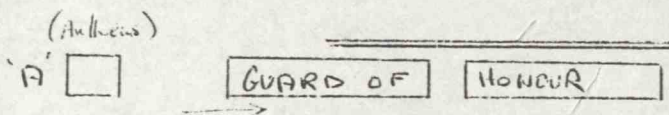
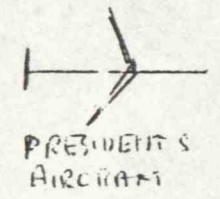
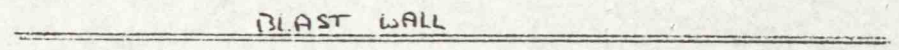
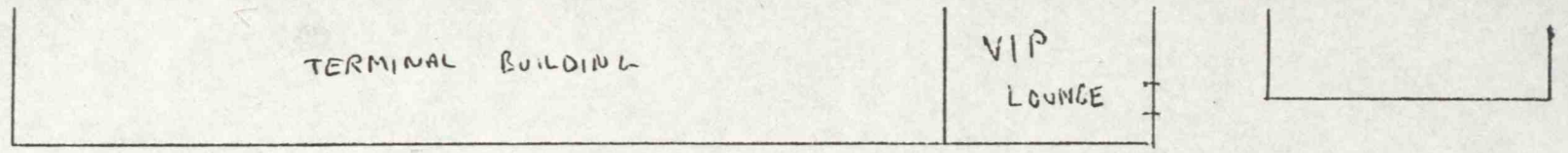
1130 Prime Minister and President Mitterrand leave Préfecture for Hôtel de Ville

1145-1230 Announcement of project followed by Press Conference
M. Mauroy, Mayor, will greet at Town Hall
At end of press conference, M. Mauroy will make short speech and will present City Medals to Prime Minister and President Mitterrand and a gift to Prime Minister
On leaving Town Hall, the two principals will sign Book of Honour and unveil plaque in entrance hall

1300 Lunch offered by President Mitterrand at Préfecture (plus secondary lunch)

1430 Prime Minister, accompanied by President Mitterrand, leaves for Airport

1445 approx Departure of RAF VC10



TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS
(All times local)London = GMT
Lille = GMT + 1 hourOutward

Prime Minister	RAF VC10	ETD LHR (Southside) 0835
Mr Powell	Task No 1129	Flying time: 55 minutes
Mr Norgrove		ETA Lille 1030
Mr Ingham		
Mr Horne		Continental breakfast
Miss Hamilton		to be served
Mrs Ailes		
Det Chief Supt Parker		
Det Sgt Kingston		

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Sir Geoffrey Howe
Mr Appleyard
Det Cons Stickland
Mr Beetham
Miss Noble

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Mr Nicholas Ridley
Mr Allan
Mr Holmes
Mr Lyall
Miss Caines
Councillor Hart

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Mr R Christopher

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Mr Kingsley Jones

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Mr Gair = 23 + 15 Press = 38

Return

As above	RAF VC10 on standby at Lille from
minus:	1430 hours.
Mr Nicholas Ridley	Expected ETD Lille 1445 hours
Mr Allan	Flying time: 1 hour
Miss Caines	ETA LHR (Southside) 1445 hours
(who will return	Afternoon tea/snacks as required
to UK earlier	
by other means)	= 20 + 15 Press = 35

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TRAVEL ON SPECIAL FLIGHTS

BAGGAGE AND INSURANCE REGULATIONS

1. BAGGAGE

- (a) Those travelling by RAF aircraft are reminded that baggage should be left unlocked for the customary check. Butane gas lighter refills and matches, other than safety ones, may not be taken on the aircraft; certain aerosol sprays are now accepted on flights, provided they are not used on the aircraft. Any electrical items must be disconnected from their batteries.

2. INSURANCE

- (a) No refund of insurance premium is payable from public funds for officers on short-term visits overseas.
- (b) Those travelling by RAF aircraft are subject to the same statutory limits of compensation as apply to carriage by commercial airlines but international journeys to or from the UK with an agreed stopping place in the United States are governed by the provisions of the IATA/Montreal Agreement which include a compensation limit higher than the statutory one. Prospective travellers in RAF aircraft are advised to check whether their personal insurance policies provide cover for travelling by non-commercial flights and to consult their insurers if they are in any doubt about their position.
- (c) When the personal property (other than money or luxury articles) of an officer sent overseas on a short-term visit is lost or damaged during transit to or from the UK or while he is in receipt of subsistence allowance (but not local allowances and DSA) during his stay overseas and the loss or damage is not covered by an existing insurance policy, and the officer himself has not been negligent, compensation may be paid at the discretion of PSD. The amount of compensation would be based on the current cost of replacing the articles less an amount for depreciation or, if less, the full cost of repair.

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APPENDIX IV

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Direct Dialing Code: London - Lille	010.33.20
Direct Dialing Code: London - Paris	010.33.1
British Consulate-General, Lille	57.87.90
Private Office	54.07.83
Mr T K Southworth, Vice Consul (home)	84.83.84
Préfecture, Lille	30.59.59
contact: M Briche	
Adjoint du Directeur du	
Cabinet du Préfet	
Town Hall, Lille	56.92.71
Chef du Cabinet du Maire	
British Embassy Paris	42.66.91.42
Embassy Duty Officer	47.04.47.62
Nigel Cox (home)	
Hotel Bellevue	57.45.86
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Miss Timms)	night
Miss Hunt)	of
Mr Lederer)	19 Jan

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Mr D Wood

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S9C1(Air)
Mov Ops (RAF) Desk Officer (2)

Scotland Yard

Det Chief Supt A Greenslade, Special Branch

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British Embassy, Paris (3)

British Consulate-General, Lille (2)

EACH MEMBER OF THE PARTY

(separate note for Mr Hart and for press)

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DEPARTURE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VISIT OF THE PRIME MINISTER
AND SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS
TO LILLE: 20 JANUARY 1986

1. TRAVEL DETAILS

- (a) The Prime Minister, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, Secretary of State for Transport and those shown at Appendix I will depart London Heathrow (Southside) for Lille at 0835 hours local time on Monday 20 January.
- (b) They will travel in an RAF VC10 aircraft, Task No Ascot 1129.
- (c) Flying time London Heathrow (Southside) to Lille is 55 minutes. (London = GMT; Lille = GMT + 1)

Passengers are requested to arrive at London Heathrow (Southside) at the times shown in the transport schedule at Appendix II.
- (d) Continental breakfast will be served.
- (e) The Prime Minister, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, Secretary of State for Transport and those shown at Appendix I will return to London Heathrow (Southside) in the RAF VC10 the same day. The aircraft will be on standby at Lille from 1430 hours. Expected ETD 1445 hours would give an arrival time at LHR (Southside) of 1445 hours. Flying time: 1 hour.
- (f) Afternoon tea, to include snacks, will be available.
- (g) Cars will meet the official party on return.

2. BOXES AND BRIEFCASES

- (a) Miss Hamilton will take boxes etc. for the No 10 party to Southside.
- (b) Other members of the party should carry their own boxes.

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3. TRANSPORT TO LONDON HEATHROW (SOUTHSIDE)

A schedule of these arrangements is shown at Appendix II.

4. TRANSPORT ON RETURN

Details are also at Appendix II.

Patricia Noble.

P A Noble (Miss)
Conference Section
Protocol Department
273 3633

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PASSENGER LIST OF THOSE TRAVELLING BY RAF VC10,
 TASK NO 1129, LHR (SOUTHSIDE)-LILLE-LHR (SOUTHSIDE)
 ON MONDAY 20 JANUARY 1986
 (not in protocol order)

Outward

Prime Minister	RAF VC10	ETD LHR (Southside)
Mr Powell	Task No 1129	0835 hours
Mr Norgrove		Flying time: 55 minutes
Mr Ingham		ETA Lille 1030 hours
Mr Horne		
Miss Hamilton		Continental breakfast
Mrs Ailes		to be served
Det Chief Supt Parker		
Det Sgt Kingston		(UK on GMT;
....		Lille on GMT + 1 hour;
		all times local)
Sir Geoffrey Howe		
Mr Budd		
Det Cons Stickland		
Mr Beetham		
Miss Noble		
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Mr Nicholas Ridley		
Mr Allan		
Mr Holmes		
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Miss Caines		
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Mark Easton	Independent Radio News
John Hibwood	Wolverhampton Press and Star

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APPENDIX II

TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS TO LONDON HEATHROW (SOUTHSIDE) ON MONDAY 20 JANUARY

(Control post
opens at 0730)

Vehicle	Arranged by	Passengers	Leaving from/at	To arrive at LHR (Southside) no later than
Own Arrangements		Press and COI	As directed	0730 hours
GCS Car	Conference Section	Miss Noble	14 Mornington Walk Ham Common (Tel: 948 1280) at 0645 hours	0730 hours
Own Cars	Own Office(s)	Department of Trade officials and Councillor Hart; Mr Kingsley Jones	As directed	0800 hours
GCS Car	Conference Section	*Mr Beetham *Will also collect Mr Christopher	64 Beaulieu Avenue SE26 (Tel: 778 7261) at 0630 hours	0800 hours
GCS Car	Conference Section	Mr Budd	10 Whistler's Avenue Battersea, SW11 (Tel: 223 7211) at 0700 hours	0815 hours

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Vehicle	Arranged by	Passengers	Leaving from/at	To arrive at LHR (Southside) no later than
Own Arrangements		Press and COI	As directed	0730 hours
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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO LILLE: 20 JANUARY.

1. LIST OF VISITORS ESTABLISHED AS FOLLOWS:

1. PRIME MINISTER
2. MR POWELL
3. MR NORGROVE
4. MR INGHAM
5. MR HORNE
6. MISS HAMILTON
7. MRS AILES
8. DETECTIVE CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT PARKER
9. DETECTIVE SERGEANT KINGSTON
10. SECRETARY OF STATE
11. MR BUDD
12. DETECTIVE CONSTABLE STICKLAND
13. MR BEETHAM
14. MISS NOBLE
15. SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT
16. MISS STRAIGHT
17. MR HOLMES
18. MR LYALL
19. MISS CAINES
20. MR CHRISTOPHER
21. MR JONES
22. COUNCILLOR HART
23. MR GAIR
24. MR CLARKE (WED, FCO)

I AND A NUMBER OF MY STAFF WILL ALSO BE AT LILLE.

2. PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS AS SET OUT IN MISS HUNT'S LETTER OF 10 JANUARY TO MISS NOBLE HAVE NOW BEEN AGREED WITH THE FRENCH, WITH THE FOLLOWING REFINEMENTS:

ARRIVAL.

JOURNALISTS WILL LEAVE THE PLANE FIRST, TO TRAVEL DIRECTLY TO HOTEL DE VILLE, ACCOMPANIED BY SERIALS 5 AND 23. WHILE THE PRIME MINISTER IS GREETED BY MITTERRAND, FABIUS AND LOCAL NOTABLES (NAMES IN LUR) AND BY ME, OTHER SERIALS WILL PROCEED TO CARS AS FOLLOWS:

SERIALS 8 AND 9: CAR IMMEDIATELY BEHIND PRIME MINISTER
 SIR GEOFFREY HOWE: CAR NUMBER 1 (WITH DUMAS)
 MR RIDLEY: CAR NUMBER 2 (WITH AUROUX)

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SERIALS

SERIAL 12: AMBASSADOR'S CAR (NO 4)
SERIALS 2, 3, 4, 11, 13 AND 16: CAR NUMBER 6
SERIALS 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 AND 22: CAR NUMBER 8
SERIALS 6, 7 AND 14: CAR NUMBER 12 (WHICH WILL GO TO
CONSULATE-GENERAL)
SERIAL 24 WILL MAKE OWN WAY TO PREFECTURE.

THESE ARRANGEMENTS STAND FOR EVERY STAGE OF THE PROGRAMME. THE FRENCH WILL ISSUE ALL MEMBERS OF THE PARTY WITH BADGES, WHICH WILL BE WAITING IN THEIR CARS.

PREFECTURE

THERE WILL BE A WITHDRAWING ROOM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER. ELYSEE UNDERSTAND THAT AFTER A SHORT TETE-A-TETE (POSSIBLY INCLUDING FABIUS) MITTERRAND MAY SUGGEST TO THE PRIME MINISTER THAT THEY INVITE THE OTHER MINISTERS TO JOIN THEM AT ABOUT 1115.

HOTEL DE VILLE

ELYSEE NOW PROPOSE THAT IMMEDIATELY ON ARRIVAL AT THE HOTEL DE VILLE, AT A SUITABLE DAISS WITH MICROPHONES, MITTERRAND SHOULD ANNOUNCE THE WINNING PROJECT IN FRENCH AND THE PRIME MINISTER IN ENGLISH. THEY WOULD THEN HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE IN THE USUAL ELYSEE FORMAT, STARTING WITH STATEMENTS OF ABOUT 5 MINUTES' LENGTH BEFORE ANSWERING QUESTIONS. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMPETING CONSORTIA WOULD BE PRESENT IF THEY WISHED BUT WOULD NOT BE SINGLED OUT FOR SPECIAL ATTENTION AFTER THE PRESS CONFERENCE. ELYSEE DO NOT EXPECT EITHER PRESIDENT OR PRIME MINISTER TO SPEAK IN RESPONSE TO MAUROY, BY THE PLAQUE OR AT THE LUNCH.

TEXT ON THE PLAQUE READS:

"LE 20 JANVIER 1986 POUR L'ANNONCE DU PROJET DU LIEN FIXE ENTRE GRANDE-BRETAGNE ET LA FRANCE, MONSIEUR FRANCOIS MITTERRAND, PRESIDENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE FRANCAISE, MADAME MARGARET THATCHER, PREMIER MINISTRE DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE ONT ETE RECUS EN CET HOTEL DE VILLE.

MONSIEUR PIERRE MAUROY, ANCIEN PREMIER MINISTRE, ETANT MAIRE DE LILLE."

LUNCH

MR RIDLEY, WITH SERIALS 16 AND 19, WILL LEAVE FOR THE AIRPORT FROM THE PREFECTURE BEFORE LUNCH IN AN EMBASSY CAR. ASSISTANT AIR ATTACHE WILL BE AT THE AIRPORT TO SEE THEM OFF. PRIME MINISTER, SECRETARY OF STATE AND SERIALS 2, 3, 4, 11, 13, 17, 18, 20, 21 AND 22 WILL LUNCH WITH MITTERRAND. SERIALS 8, 9, 12 AND 24 WILL LUNCH IN THE ANTE-ROOM. SERIALS 5 AND 23 WILL LUNCH WITH THE JOURNALISTS. LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED FOR SERIALS 6, 7 AND 14 AT THE CONSULATE-GENERAL.

DEPARTURE

SERIALS 5, 23, 6, 7 AND 14 WILL BE TRANSPORTED SEPARATELY TO THE AIRPORT. OF THE MOTORCADE, ALL EXCEPT PRIME MINISTER WILL PROCEED DIRECTLY TO THE AIRPORT STEPS AND BOARD. PRIME MINISTER AND MITTERRAND WILL REVIEW A GUARD OF HONOUR (A VIP LOUNGE WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE) BEFORE SHE TAKES HER LEAVE.

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INTERPRETERS

MR REDERER WILL BE AT THE PREFECTURE FOR MEETINGS AND LUNCH. FRENCH ARE ORGANISING A SECOND INTERPRETER FOR THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

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DUTY FREE SUPPLIES (ALREADY ORDERED) WILL BE LOADED ON TO AIRCRAFT WHILE IT IS STANDING AT LILLE.

3. IN A LATE CHANGE OF PLAN FABIUS WILL ALSO BE AT LILLE FOR THE ARRIVAL AT THE AIRPORT, THE MEETING AT THE PREFECTURE AND THE PRESS CONFERENCE, BUT NOT THE LUNCH. HIS INCLUSION MAY SLIGHTLY ALTER THE TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS. WE DO NOT YET KNOW WHETHER HE WILL JOIN THE TETE-A-TETE OR ACCOMPANY THE OTHER MINISTERS.

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Monsieur François Mitterrand
Président de la République

prie Son Excellence Madame Margaret Thatcher
Premier Ministre de Grande Bretagne

de lui faire l'honneur de venir au déjeuner qu'il offrira
à l'Hôtel de la Préfecture de Région Nord-Pas-de-Calais, à Lille
le Lundi 20 Janvier 1986 à 13 heures
Tenue de ville



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

17 January 1986

Dear Charles,

Anglo/French Summit Meeting in Lille
20 January

Thank you for your note of 15 January about attendance at the lunch. Since I wrote, you will know that Christopher Meyer has dropped out but that Robin Christopher of the Cabinet Office and Kingsley Jones of the Treasury have been added (I understand with your agreement) to the list, both for lunch and the Prime Minister's plane.

As regards Lord Bethell/Christopher Jackson, the FCO/Department of Transport view is that the case for including an MEP is not compelling. The Elysee, who face similar pressures, have told the Embassy in Paris that in addition to Ministers and civil servants they are inviting only the Mayor and Prefect of Lille.

Yours ever,

Colin Budd

(C R Budd)
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
No.10 Downing Street

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

16 January, 1986.

ANGLO-FRENCH SUMMIT MEETING IN LILLE

Thank you for your letter of 16 January.

I enclose a slightly amended fit for the VC10.

The other arrangements are satisfactory.

(C.D. Powell)

C.R. Budd, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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16 January 1986

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Dear Charles,

Channel Fixed Link: Summit Meeting in Lille on 20 January

Arrangements for the Channel Fixed Link Summit in Lille on 20 January are now falling into place. I attach a copy of the full draft programme as it now stands.

I wrote to you on 15 January about some changes in French plans for speeches at the Summit. You will wish to know how matters now stand and what drafts and briefing are in preparation.

The programme provides for the Prime Minister to have a 45 minute tete-a-tete with President Mitterrand; to give a 5 minute statement at the announcement ceremony; to field questions at the press conference; and to make some brief remarks in response to the President's short, informal speech after lunch. We are preparing briefing for the tete-a-tete and will let you have this shortly in the form of a scene setting letter.

Department of Transport officials are negotiating a joint statement with the French to be issued at the press conference. The Department of Transport, in consultation with the FCO and other interested Departments, are also preparing drafts for the opening statement and the after lunch speech and briefing notes for the press conference. These may have to be finalised at a late stage.

I am copying this letter to Richard Allan in the Department of Transport.

Yours ever,
Colin Budd

(C R Budd)
Private Secretary

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CHANNEL FIXED LINK SUMMIT MEETING, LILLE, 20 JANUARY :
PROGRAMME

I 10.30 : Arrival at Lille Airport

Notes :

(a) The President will arrive at the airport at about 10.20 and will meet the Prime Minister at the foot of the aircraft steps.

(b) There will then be a military guard of honour and national anthems.

(c) The President and Prime Minister will leave together in the President's car, accompanied by the President's interpreter and a security official.

(d) The rest of the official motorcade will follow on. A bus and minibus will be provided for transporting journalists.

II 10.45 - 11.30 : Meeting

Notes :

(a) The motorcade will arrive at Lille Prefecture at 10.45.

(b) Four meeting rooms have been provided : one for the Prime Minister and President; one for Sir G. Howe and M. Dumas; one for Mr Ridley and M. Auroux; and one for officials.

(c) At the tete-a-tete with the Prime Minister. President Mitterrand will be accompanied by his interpreter and probably by M. Attali. Mr Lederer will interpret for the Prime Minister, who may wish also to have a Private Secretary in attendance.

(d) No interpreter is required for Sir G. Howe and M. Dumas; the French will provide one for Mr Ridley and M. Auroux.

III 11.40 - 12.35 . Announcement Ceremony and Press Conference

Notes :

(a) The President and Prime Minister will travel by car from the Prefecture to the Hotel de Ville, where they will be met by M. Mauroy, Mayor of Lille (and former Prime Minister).

(b) Seating arrangements will comprise a "top table" for the President, Prime Minister, Foreign Ministers and Transport Ministers, and a main area for press and officials.

(c) The French envisage an announcement by an official of the two governments' decision on the CFL concessionaire; followed by a 5 minute statement by President Mitterrand; followed by a 5 minute statement by the Prime Minister. Questions from the press would then be taken, for about 30 minutes.

(d) Interpretation booths will be provided for both interpreters permitting simultaneous interpretation during the press conference.

(e) At the conclusion of the press conference, M. Mauroy will make a short speech, present the President and Prime Minister with commemorative medals and invite them to sign a book. He may also present the Prime Minister with a gift (the FCO are in touch with No. 10 about whether the Prime Minister needs to reciprocate).

(f) At 12.35 the press conference will end and M. Mauroy will lead the President and Prime Minister to the entrance hall of the Hotel de Ville, where a commemorative plaque will be unveiled.

IV 13.00 : Lunch

Notes :

(a) The party returns to the Prefecture by car for lunch.

(b) Mr Ridley, plus Private Secretary and Press Secretary, will depart separately before the lunch for Lille Airport.

(c) Lunch will not be more than 15 per side (the FCO has submitted separately on attendance).

(d) The interpreters will be seated behind the President and Prime Minister.

(e) At the end of the lunch the President is likely to make a brief informal speech, to which the Prime Minister will wish to reply.

(f) There will probably be a separate table in the same room for officials not on the top table, and a further buffet lunch elsewhere in the building for support staff.

V 14.30 : Departure

Notes :

(a) The same arrangements will apply as for arrival. The President will take the Prime Minister in his car, and say farewell to her at the foot of the aircraft steps.

(b) Estimated departure time from Lille Airport is 14.45.

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London SW1A 2AH

16 January 1986

Dear Charles,

Anglo-French Summit Meeting in Lille: 20 January

// Based upon our understanding of the Prime Minister's party (list attached), I enclose a proposed fit for the RAF VC10.

On the outward flight, continental breakfast will be served (to include fruit juice, fruit segments, ham, cheese, croissants, preserves, coffee, tea etc).

For the return sector, afternoon tea (to include savoury snacks, sandwiches etc) will be available.

Satisfactory?

Mr R Lederer has been retained as our interpreter for the bilateral meeting between the Prime Minister and the French President. He will travel separately from Brussels to join the party in Lille.

We are checking on the possible Treasury participant in the delegation (your letter of 15 January).

*Yours ever,
Colin Budd*

(C R Budd)
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
PS/10 Downing Street

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COMPOSITION OF THE PARTY

Serial No	Name	Designation
1	The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher FRS MP	Prime Minister
<u>No 10 Downing Street</u>		
2	Mr C D Powell	Private Secretary
3	Mr D Norgrove	Economic Private Secretary
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11	Mr L V Appleyard CMG	Principal Private Secretary
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13	Mr R C Beetham LVO	Head of Maritime, Aviation & Environment Department
14	Mr C J R Meyer	Head of News Department

Department of the Environment & Transport

15	The Rt Hon Nicholas Ridley MP	Secretary of State for Transport
16	Mr R Allan	Private Secretary
17	Mr D Holmes	Deputy Secretary for the CFL
18	Mr A Lyall	Under-Secretary for the CFL
19	Miss J Caines	Press Officer
20	Councillor T Hart	Leader of the Kent County Council

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21	Mr R Gair	Diplomatic Correspondent
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22	Mr R Lederer	Interpreter
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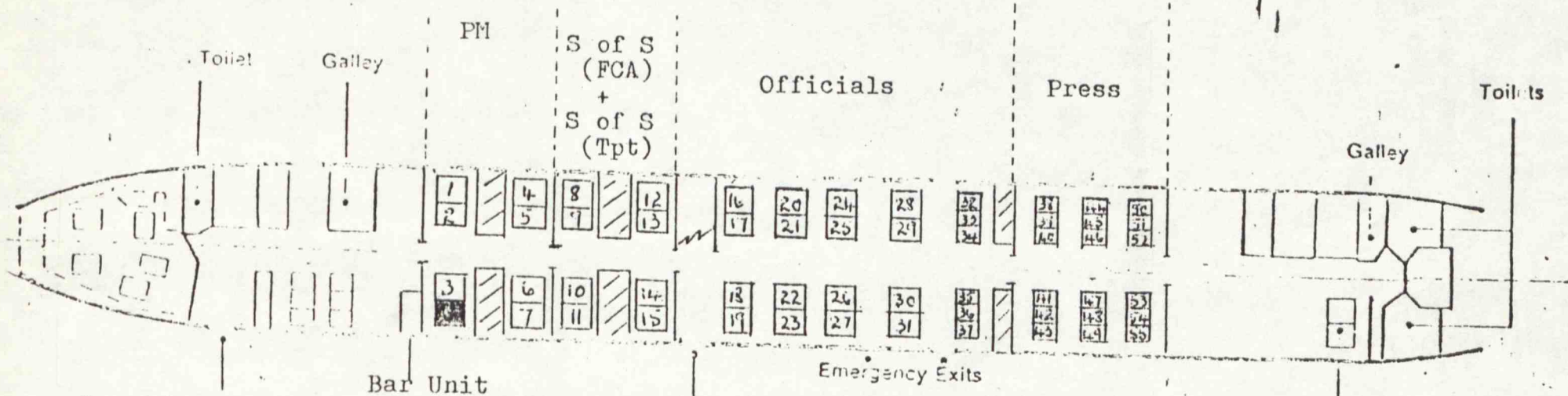
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SEATING PLAN FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO LILLE

ON 20 JAN 86

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| 3. <i>Mr. Ingham</i> | 10. - | 18. Mr Ingham | 26. Cons Stickland | 34. - | 42.) |
| 4. - | 11. Mr Ridley (o) | 19. Mr Meyer | 27. - | 35. Typing | 43.) |
| 5. <i>Mr. Powell</i> | 12. - | 20. Mr Beetham | 28. Mrs Ailes | 36. Not for use | 44.) |
| 6. <i>Mr Powell</i> | 13. Mr Appleyard | 21. Mr Hart | 29. - | 37. Typing | 45.) |
| 7. Mr Norgrove | 14. - | 22. Miss Caines (o) | 30. Mr Gair (COI) | 38.) Press | 46.) |
| | 15. Mr Allan (o) | 23. Mr Horne | 31. - | 39.) | 47.) |
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15 January 1986

Dear Charles,

Anglo/French Summit Meeting in Lille on 20 January

The Embassy in Paris have now obtained further details from the Elysée of the arrangements for speeches etc at the Channel Fixed Link Summit meeting.

The French propose that the President and Prime Minister speak briefly (for about 5 minutes each) at the opening of the press conference to announce the decision on the Link: this is in line with what I believe we have been assuming.

In their original proposal the French mentioned that the press conference would be followed by lunch "with speeches". The Elysée have now said that President Mitterrand does not envisage these speeches being long and formal; he will probably "take something out of his pocket". The Prime Minister would therefore be expected to speak rather more briefly than we had previously been contemplating.

The foregoing has already been passed on to the Department of Transport at working level, and officials are taking the new proposed arrangements into account in their preparations. I am nevertheless copying this letter to Richard Allan in the Department of Transport.

Yours ever,
Colin Budd

(C R Budd)
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
No.10 Downing Street



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

15 January 1986

Anglo/French Summit Meeting in Lille on 20 January

Thank you for your letter of 15 January about attendance at the lunch.

I am content with the list you propose though I think I am right in saying that there will be a Treasury participant in the delegation who might also be invited to the lunch.

(Charles Powell)

Colin Budd, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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London SW1A 2AH

15 January 1986

Dear Charles,

Anglo/French Summit Meeting in Lille on 20 January

In Len Appleyard's letter of 8 January he gave the proposed list of participants from the FCO and Richard Allan gave the Department of Transport's party in his letter of 18 January. I should be grateful for confirmation that our list for the lunch will be as follows :

No.10

Prime Minister

Mr Charles Powell

Mr Bernard Ingham

Mr David Norgrove

FCO

Foreign Secretary

Private Secretary

Mr Roger Beetham

Mr Christopher Meyer

Department of Transport

Mr D Holmes

Mr A Lyall

Mr T Hart (Leader Kent County Council)

British Embassy

Sir J Fretwell

Miss Kate Timms

If there are one or two people to be added, I understand there will be no difficulty on the French side.

Yours ever,
Colin Budd

(C R Budd)
Private Secretary

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CFL : TREATY SIGNATURE

1. DURING YESTERDAY'S MEETING OF THE ANGLO-FRENCH TREATY GROUP THE FRENCH TOLD US THAT THERE WAS A "CONSTITUTIONAL" IMPEDIMENT TO PRESIDENT MITTERRAND ACTUALLY SIGNING A TREATY. THEY PROPOSED THAT FOREIGN MINISTERS SHOULD SIGN "IN THE PRESENCE OF" THE PRIME MINISTER AND PRESIDENT MITTERRAND (THOUGH THERE WAS ALSO A PASSING REFERENCE TO THE POSSIBILITY OF M. FABIUS SIGNING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER). THEY STRESSED THAT PRESIDENT MITTERRAND REMAINED COMMITTED TO ATTENDING THE SIGNING CEREMONY.
2. WE EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT THIS POINT HAD ONLY NOW BEEN BROUGHT UP, BUT UNDERTOOK TO REPORT IT. WE SHALL IN CASE CHECK ON THE VALIDITY OF THE FRENCH VIEW OF THE PRESIDENT'S ROLE IN THIS REGARD. WE COMMENTED SIMPLY THAT WE MIGHT NEED TO CONSIDER FURTHER ON OUR SIDE WHO WOULD BE THE MOST APPROPRIATE SIGNATORY.
3. FCO PLEASE PASS TO NO10 AND APS/MR RIDLEY.

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Prime Minister

The Transport

Secretary proposes that

the Leader of Kent

County Council,

Councillor Tony ^{Har,}

should join the

delegation to travel

to Lille on 20 January.

Apparently the French
delegation will include

Some-one from the

Pas de Calais area

in the French

delegation.

Are you contact?

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13/10

Yes no

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L V Appleyard Esq
Private Secretary to the Foreign Secretary
Foreign and Commonwealth Office
London SW1

13 January 1986

Dear Len,

ANGLO FRENCH SUMMIT - MEETING IN LILLE ON 20 JANUARY

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of 8 January to Charles Powell setting out your recommendations for travel and working accommodation for the Channel Fixed Link summit meeting in Lille on 20 January.

I have noted the travel arrangements for the outward journey to Lille but as you will know the current plan is for my Secretary of State to return to London early (ie before the lunch) to make a statement to the House at 3.30 on Monday afternoon. We will therefore be making separate travel arrangements for the return journey.

As to the composition of the party from this Department, we propose the following:

- Secretary of State for Transport
- Private Secretary
- Mr David Holmes, Deputy Secretary responsible for aviation, international transport and finance
- Mr Andrew Lyall, Under Secretary, international transport
- Miss Jean Caines, Head of Information
- Councillor Tony Hart, Leader of Kent County Council

The Private Secretary and Miss Caines will return to London with the Secretary of State. The Department's party at the lunch in Lille would therefore comprise Mr Holmes, Mr Lyall and Councillor Hart.

I am copying this letter to Charles Powell at Number 10.

*Yours,
Richard.*

R A ALLAN
Private Secretary

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CFL : PROGRAMME FOR PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO LILLE ON 20 JANUARY :
TELECON TIMMS/DARROCH

1. WE EXPLAINED TO THE ELYSEE THAT MR RIDLEY WILL NEED TO LEAVE LILLE IN TIME TO MAKE A STATEMENT TO THE COMMONS, AND ASKED THEM WHAT WAS THE EARLIEST TIME AT WHICH THE OFFICIAL LUNCH MIGHT END. THE ELYSEE CONFIRMED THAT THE LUNCH WAS NOT EXPECTED TO END BEFORE 1430. TAKE-OFF FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S PARTY WAS THEREFORE PLANNED FOR 1445.
2. IN VIEW OF THE EVIDENT DIFFICULTIES OF BRINGING FORWARD WHAT WILL BE FOR MITTERRAND AN IMPORTANT AND PRESTIGIOUS LUNCH, THE SIMPLEST COURSE WOULD BE FOR MR RIDLEY TO DEPART FOR LONDON IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE HOTEL DE VILLE (WHICH SHOULD FINISH BY 1300). WE UNDERSTAND AN AIR TAXI HIRED FROM A LILLE COMPANY WOULD CHARGE ABOUT 8700 FRANCS, EXACT PRICE DEPENDING ON WHICH AIRPORT WAS USED FOR ARRIVAL IN LONDON. ALTERNATIVELY, MR RIDLEY'S OFFICE MAY WISH TO EXPLORE THE USE OF THE RAF OR OF A UK BASED AIR TAXI FIRM.
3. FCO PLEASE PASS IMMEDIATE TO PS/NO10 AND PS/MR RIDLEY.

FRETWELL

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

8 January 1986

CHANNEL FIXED LINK

Thank you for your letter of 6 January about the arrangements for the visit to Lille. I have also now spoken to Richard Allan.

The proposed programme seems fine. The only problem arises over timing. The Transport Secretary will need to make a statement in the House that afternoon, which will mean leaving Lille at 1330 local time. The options are:

- (a) to stick to the timings at present proposed, with the Transport Secretary peeling off early to return to London;
- (b) to bring the whole programme forward by 30/45 minutes.

I don't think the Prime Minister would mind which it was (though other things being equal she is keen to get back as soon as possible). Could our Embassy please discuss with the French whether they could agree without inconvenience to revise the timings to allow the whole party to leave at 1330.

It would also be helpful to have proposals for attendance at the Lille event. The Prime Minister would wish this to be kept small.

I am copying this letter to Richard Allan (Department of Transport).

(Charles Powell)

L.V. Appleyard, Esq., C.M.G.,
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8 January 1986

Dear Charles,

Anglo-French Summit Meeting in Lille on 20 January

We have the following recommendations for travel and working accommodation for the Channel Fixed Link Summit meeting in Lille on 20 January.

Travel

For security reasons a specially fitted RAF VC10 has been reserved for the party. Suggested flight timings are (all times local - UK on GMT; Lille on GMT + 1 hour):

20 January

ETD LHR (Southside) 0835 Flying time: 55 minutes
ETA Lille 1030

VC10 to be on standby at Lille airport from 1430 hours (lunch at Prefecture expected to end by 1430; therefore, if the aircraft were to take off at, say, 1500, ETA LHR would be 1500 - flying time 1 hour).

Working Accommodation

We propose to set up Private Office(s) in the British Consulate in Lille. We await your confirmation that you would be prepared to accept an office there with a direct dial telephone line (plus Brahms) as the sole means of communication. We will, of course, arrange for personnel to carry out any safehand runs to other members of the party if required.

Party

I should be grateful to know the composition of the party from No 10 and any other interested Departments who will accompany the Prime Minister to Lille. From the FCO, we propose the following:

The Foreign Secretary
Private Secretary
Mr Roger Beetham, Head of Maritime, Aviation & Environment Dept
Mr Christopher Meyer, Head of News Department

/No 10

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No 10 Press Office have informed us that seats should be allocated on the aircraft for a press party. We shall be able to let the Press Office have a note of the total number of seats available when it becomes clear how many officials will be travelling in the aircraft.

I am copying this letter to Richard Allen in the Department of Transport.

Your ever,

L V Appleyard

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Private Secretary

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

6 January 1986

Dear Charles,

Channel Fixed Link

Thank you for your letter of 30 December asking for comments on the draft programme for the Channel Fixed Link Anglo/French Summit in Lille on 20 January.

It is clear from this programme that the French anticipate that the Prime Minister would be accompanied by the Foreign Secretary. I can confirm that Sir Geoffrey Howe would indeed wish to attend this occasion. We will be in touch with you in due course about which FCO officials might accompany him.

The programme itself looks fine and we have no particular comments upon it. The Secretary of State would certainly welcome the opportunity of a brief tete-a-tete with M Dumas before the press conference.

I am copying this letter to Richard Allen in the Department of Transport, who I understand may be suggesting bringing the performance forward by half an hour or so to enable either the PM or Secretary of State for Transport to make a statement in the House that afternoon.

Yours ever,

L Appleyard

(L V Appleyard)
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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

30 December 1985

FIXED CHANNEL LINK

I enclose a copy of a letter which I have received from the French Chargé d'Affaires containing a draft programme for the Prime Minister's visit to Lille on 20 January. I should be grateful for any comments which you or Richard Allan, to whom I am also copying this letter and enclosure, have before I put it to the Prime Minister.

(Charles Powell)

Colin Budd, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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AMBASSADE DE FRANCE
LONDRES

30th December 1985

Dear Mr Powell,

I have just received the enclosed programme
for the Prime Minister's visit to Lille on January 20th.

May I ask you to forward it to her and to
keep me informed of any observation she would wish to
make regarding our suggestions ?

Yours sincerely

Bouillane de Lacoste

Jean-Noël de Bouillane de Lacoste

Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

Charles Powell, Esq.,
Private Secretary to
the Prime Minister,
10 Downing Street,
London SW1.

CC PC
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Suggested programme for the summit meeting in Lille

(20 January 1985)

- 10 h 25 The President of the French Republic lands at Lille airport.
- 10 h 30 The British Prime Minister lands at Lille airport
Welcome - Departure for the Préfecture.
- 10 h 45 Tête-à-tête at the Préfecture

Possibility of parallel encounters between the Cabinet
members
(Foreign Affairs and Transports)
- 11 h 30 End of the talks

Departure for the Town Hall
- 11 h 45 The results of the bid are made public

Press conference
- 12 h 30 End of the Press Conference

Return to the Préfecture
- 13 h 00 Lunch at the Préfecture (for a limited number of guests)
- 14 h 30 End of lunch

The British Prime Minister leaves for the airport
The President of the French Republic leaves for Paris.



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From the Private Secretary

4 December 1985

I enclose a copy of a letter I have received from the French Charge d'Affaires in which he conveys a proposal by President Mitterrand that he and the Prime Minister should meet in Calais on 30 January to announce the choice of project for the Channel bridge or tunnel.

There are two points to be considered:

- (i) Are we content for the Prime Minister to go to Calais for this purpose? Or will this cause difficulties with our own Channel ports?
- (ii) The Prime Minister cannot manage 30 January which is a day for Cabinet and Questions among other things. We should much prefer 20 January which we have already blocked off for this purpose.

I should be grateful for early advice.

I am copying this letter and enclosure to Richard Allan (Department of Transport).

(Charles Powell)

Colin Budd, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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AMBASSADE DE FRANCE
LONDRES

4th December 1985

Dear Mr. Powell,

As a follow-up to the November 18th Summit, President Mitterrand suggests that the Prime Minister and he meet in Calais on January 30th, in order essentially to make public their common choice of a fixed link project.

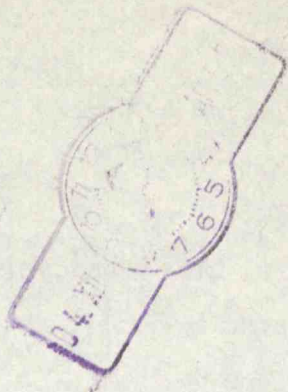
May I ask you kindly to forward this proposal to your Prime Minister, and let me know if these date and venue are acceptable ?

Yours sincerely,

Rouille de Lacoste

Jean-Noël de Bouillane de Lacoste
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