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70 Whitehall,
London, SW1

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15th October 1982

Dear Private Secretary,

Anglo-French Summit: 4th-5th November 1982

This letter sets out the briefing arrangements for the Anglo-French Summit which is to take place in Paris on 4th-5th November 1982.

The objectives for the visit have not yet been approved by the Prime Minister but her office have agreed that briefing arrangements should be put in hand on the basis of the list of objectives at Annex A. The list of briefs to be prepared, with an indication of Departmental responsibility, is at Annex B. Instructions on format are at Annexes C and D. Those preparing briefs should note carefully the details on the format of briefs set out in Annex C. Departments should, therefore, aim to ensure that, apart from the Steering Brief, individual subject briefs do not exceed two sides of paper.

70 copies of each brief should be sent to the Cabinet Office as soon as they are ready. They should reach the Cabinet Office by 5.00 pm on Wednesday, 27th October. They should be addressed to Mr. R. D. Roscoe in Committee Section, who should be consulted (tel. no. 233 7343) about any technical points arising.

I am sending copies of this letter to the Private Secretaries to Sir Antony Acland, Sir Douglas Wass, Sir Frank Cooper, Sir Peter Carey, Sir Brian Cubbon, Sir Brian Hayes, Sir Kenneth Couzens, Mr. Michael Franklin, Sir Kenneth Barnes and Mr. John Sparrow, and to John Coles at No. 10.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) LINDSAY WILKINSON (MISS)

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ANGLO-FRENCH SUMMIT: 4th-5th NOVEMBER 1982

UNITED KINGDOM OBJECTIVES

Primary

1. Community Affairs. To make very clear that a fair and lasting budget settlement must be achieved while avoiding a public row on this issue. To impress on the French the United Kingdom's determination to play its full part in shaping the future of the Community. To explore French thinking on future developments, including enlargement.
2. United States/European Relations. To reach an understanding on the right approach, taking into account such factors as defence and East/West economic relations.
3. Collaborative Projects. To convince the French that our different approaches to major projects like the Channel Fixed Link, the Airbus and Concorde must not be interpreted as a lack of British interest in such co-operation.

Subsidiary

4. East/West Relations. To explain British views with particular regard to arms control and to the situation in Poland.
5. International Economic and Monetary Situation. To discuss developments since the Versailles Summit. To co-ordinate positions on forthcoming international trade negotiations.
6. The Falklands. To secure French diplomatic support both in general and at the UNGA. To urge the French not to resume sales of sensitive weapons.
7. International Affairs. To put across British views on the Middle East and Africa (especially Southern Africa).
8. Defence. To show continuing willingness to achieve closer co-operation on nuclear and non-nuclear defence and arms control questions.

PROBABLE FRENCH OBJECTIVES

Primary

1. Community Issues. To lower British expectations about a solution to the Budget problem; to put across the French case that European Community common policies in various sensitive areas should be completed before enlargement and that enlargement will result in a cost to the United Kingdom.

2. International Issues (East/West, Poland, Arms Control). To align the United Kingdom with French views, in particular where these diverge from those of the Americans.
3. Collaborative Projects. To demonstrate that lack of progress since the last Summit is primarily due to the United Kingdom. In this context:
 - (a) to press for United Kingdom participation in the early launching of the Airbus A320 project;
 - (b) to urge the United Kingdom to join them in terminating Concorde services;
 - (c) to press for United Kingdom collaboration over fast breeder reactors.

Subsidiary

4. To enlist British understanding for French economic policies.
5. To achieve maximum mutual understanding on policies towards Japanese trade and on European interests in United States trade and monetary policies.
6. The Falklands. To avoid agreeing to anything which might be an obstacle to France's bid for better relations with Argentina and Latin America as a whole, including arms sales.

LIST OF BRIEFS FOR ANGLO-FRENCH SUMMIT
4th-5th NOVEMBER 1982

	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Lead Department</u>	<u>In Consultation with</u>
1.	Steering Brief	FCO	As appropriate
2.	European Questions		
	a. European Community Steering Brief	FCO	As appropriate
	b. EC Budget	FCO	Treasury, MAFF
	c. Agricultural Questions	MAFF	FCO, Treasury
	d. Enlargement	FCO	Tsy, Trade, MAFF Employment, DOI
	e. EC/US Steel	FCO	DOI, Trade
	f. Common Fisheries Policy	MAFF	FCO
	g. European Act	FCO	As appropriate
3.	Transatlantic Relations and related aspects of East/West Economic Relations, including Siberian Gas Pipeline	FCO	As appropriate
4.	East/West Political Relations (including Afghanistan)	FCO	
5.	Poland	FCO	Treasury, Trade
6.	CSCE	FCO	
7.	International Economic and Monetary Questions		
	a. Prospects for the World Economy (including United States economic policy)	Treasury	FCO
	b. International Debt Problems	Treasury	FCO, Trade
	c. International Trade Problems (including Protectionism, Japan GATT Ministerial)	Trade	FCO, Treasury
8.	Economic Summits		
	a. 1983 Summit	FCO	Treasury, Cabinet Office
	b. Working Group on Technology, Growth and Employment	Cabinet Office	FCO, Industry

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	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Lead Department</u>	<u>In consultation with</u>
9.	Defence Matters	MOD	FCO
10.	Arms Control and Disarmament	FCO	MOD
11.	World Political Issues		
	a. Arab/Israel and Lebanon	FCO	
	b. Europe/Latin America (including the Falkland Islands)	FCO	
	c. Southern Africa/Namibia	FCO	
	d. China	FCO	
	e. North/South Dialogue	FCO	
	*f. Iran/Iraq and the situation in the Gulf	FCO	
	*g. UNLOSC	FCO	
	*h. International Terrorism	FCO	Home Office
12.	Bilateral Questions	FCO	As appropriate
*13.	French Scene		
	a. Political	FCO	
	b. Economic	Treasury	

* Denotes Background Brief

INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT FORMAT

All briefs should be laid out in the same way with a top page in accordance with the specimen layout at Annex D. Those preparing briefs should pay particular attention to ensuring that the following instructions are fully observed:

Content

- (a) Briefs should be concise. Each brief should if possible be no more than four sides long.
- (b) The main body of each brief should comprise two sections, a concise list of Points to Make, followed by a factual Background section which distinguishes clearly between information which can be freely used and information which should not be disclosed.
- (c) Briefs should be complete and self-contained with all the information required on that particular subject. Briefs should not be divided into separate self-contained sub-sections.

Layout

- (d) Briefs should be typed in double spacing, using both sides of the paper. Pages should be numbered at the foot of each page.
- (e) As shown in the specimen at Annex D, the top page only of each brief should contain the following details: the symbol and number of the brief in the top left-hand corner (e.g. PMVY(82) 10) with the date of circulation below; a copy number in red at the top right-hand corner; the visit heading; the title of the brief (in capitals) and the name of the Department responsible.
- (f) At the foot of the last page and on the left-hand side, briefs should bear the name of the originating Government Department and the date of origin.

Reproduction

- (g) Briefs should be reproduced throughout on white paper, with each page bearing a security classification at top and bottom (as in Annex D). Care should be taken that the reproduction method employed results in clear readable copies.

- (h) It is important that on arrival at the Cabinet Office, briefs should be complete in all detail - collated, stapled and copy numbered and ready for immediate circulation.

Updating

- (i) If late developments require a brief to be amended or updated, an addendum should be prepared. It should be set out in the form described at (e) above, with the brief number (e.g. PMVY(82) 10 Addendum) and title to which it relates at the top of the front page. The Private Secretary to the Secretary of the Cabinet should be informed when an addendum is in preparation. Revised briefs and corrigenda should be similarly treated.
- (j) Additions to the list of briefs in Annex B require the authorisation of the Private Secretary to the Secretary of the Cabinet.

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ANNEX D

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4-5 NOVEMBER 1982

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Date of origin

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