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PRIME MINISTER

President Mitterrand's Dinner  
and M. Fabius' Lunch

I attach notes for speeches, if necessary,  
at President Mitterrand's dinner and  
M. Fabius' lunch during the Anglo-French  
Summit.

C.D.P.

28 November 1984

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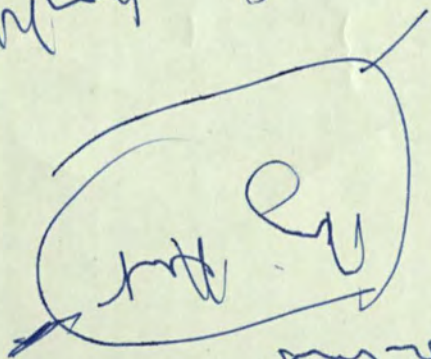
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Dear Charles,

I enclose draft speaking notes for the Prime Minister for use in reply to President Mitterrand's toast at the Elysee dinner on 29 November, and for use should M. Fabius make a toast at lunch on 30 November.

We have been told that the French envisage that the dinner should be attended by all the Ministers participating in the Summit together with, on our side, Sir Robert Armstrong, Sir John Fretwell and Robin Butler; and on their side M. Bianco, M. Attali, and the new French Ambassador in London, M. Viot.

Attendance at M. Fabius's lunch will be much wider, including officials.

Yours ever,  
Colin Budd

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Private Secretary

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DRAFT SPEAKING NOTES FOR PRIME MINISTER'S USE IN REPLY TO TOAST AT THE ELYSEE DINNER ON 29 NOVEMBER

1. A year of unprecedented activity in Anglo-French relations and of significant achievements:

- French Presidency
- Fontainebleau
- the opening of JET in UK attended by President Mitterrand
- D-Day commemoration
- State Visit
- and now the Summit, where I hope we will be able to add even more to our unity of purpose.
- and tomorrow Avignon

2. ~~Stress unity of purpose because we share so many~~  
~~ideals; defence of liberty; stability in international~~  
~~affairs; creation of wealth based on a sound economy;~~  
~~creation of opportunities for scientific and technological~~  
~~innovation. Our job is to set the framework for our~~  
~~economies to grow, for our countries to collaborate~~  
~~together in a wider European framework:~~ in the Europe  
 that is on the move since Fontainebleau.

3. ~~Defence of liberty, and stability in international~~  
~~affairs. Good time to discuss~~ in light of encouraging news  
 that negotiations between the Soviet Union and the U.S. are  
 to resume. That is a real move forward and a sign that  
 unity and cohesion do pay off. We France and Britain -  
 have our role to play in East/West relations.

4. Encouraged by the survey conducted by the Franco-British Council and the BBC French Service which indicated that the young people in our two countries have a particularly high regard for each other. We are moving in the right direction.

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 glad to discover  
 how closely our  
 Ministers & officials  
 have been  
 working together  
 particularly on  
 Community affairs.

to exchange  
 assessments  
 of international  
 developments,  
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5. Tribute to President Mitterrand for his personal appreciation, as expressed so well in his speech to Parliament last month, of the importance of our two countries, in all their individuality, both in the making of Europe and in our relationship with the world outside Europe. Impressed by his analysis of the competition we face from America and Japan, and consequent need for closer collaboration between us. This my 6th annual Summit with you, Mr President. They have become a necessary practice - and a pleasure.

TOAST: To the future: that its hopes and aspirations for France and for the United Kingdom will be fulfilled.