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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM:

JAMES M. RENTSCHLER

SUBJECT:

Appointment Requests: Jospin (France) and

March 31, 1982

Probst (Switzerland)

The French and Swiss Embassies approached me with the following appointment requests:

- -- Lionel Jospin. He is the head of the French Socialist Party and will be in Washington April 12-14 as part of a program organized by the AFL-CIO. He will be meeting with Larry Eagleburger and Jeane Kirkpatrick among others, and the French are hopeful that you will agree to see him, preferably on the morning of the 12th.
- -- Foreign Ministry Secretary-General Probst. Former Ambassador to the U.S. and now the senior career civil servant in the Swiss Foreign Ministry, Probst will be here May 4-5. The Swiss Embassy has made a strong pitch for a brief courtesy call on you.

Both of the above individuals are very influential vis-a-vis our own concerns in their respective countries, and <u>I believe it would</u> be useful to see them if you could spare the time. Of the two, <u>Jospin is cearly the more important</u>, since he is a close confederate of Mitterrand and would be here at an especially strategic moment (soon after the President's meeting with Mitterrand and shortly before the Versailles Summit).

RECOMMENDATIONS:

YES

NO

That you meet briefly with Jospin on April 12

That you meet briefly with Probst during the May 4-5 period if your schedule permits

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FROM RENTSCHLER

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INFORMATION

April 9 , 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM:

NORMAN A. BAILEY 76

SUBJECT:

France's Switch to Reaganomics

As the pressures mount here for the President to abandon one of the pillars of his economic program the French, less than one year after the election of a socialist government, appears to have decided he is right.

Attachment

Tab I WSJ Excerpt

CC: Reed

Gregg

NSC# 8202489

French Government Expected to Reduce Corporate Taxes, Signaling Policy Switch

By DAVID G. PEARSON Special to THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

PARIS - The French government, alarmed by signs of stagnating economic activity, is expected to announce measures next week to ease the tax burden of French companies and to stimulate private investment.

Such measures would mean a significant policy switch by the Socialist government of Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy, which appears to be listening with a more sympathetic ear to the complaints of business groups.

French companies have charged that their financial strength and international

For other international news, please see the story about the Iranian effort to increase its oil exports by offering discounts and attractive barter terms, page 2:

competitiveness are collapsing due to steadily increasing taxes, which are being used to finance President Francois Mitterrand's social programs.

The government, in turn, has blamed the business community for its own depressed state, insisting that companies are delaying investment and jeopardizing a recovery in economic activity that began in the final quarter of 1981.

Yvon Gattaz, head of the powerful employers' association, or Patronat, met with President Mitterrand yesterday to press the Patronat's demands for tax cuts and for an 18-month postponement of new charges.

The Patronat is asking the government to allow corporate tax-deductible provisions for the fifth week of paid vacation to which all French workers are now entitled; to freeze, in inflation adjusted terms, the corporate tax at its 1981 level, and to take over at least

Japan Relaxes Rules On Sales of Naphtha part of the \$13 billion in family-allowance contributions that currently are borne entirely by companies.

The government's measures for improving competitivity and encouraging privatesector investment are to be announced next Friday after a meeting between Mr. Mauroy and Mr. Gattaz.

Guy Brana, head of the Patronat's economic commission, has estimated that the additional charges being levied on French corporations as a result of the government's social policies are equivalent to \$15 billion annually. His figure is disputed by the Economics Ministry, which nevertheless, concedes that companies will pay out about \$6 billion more this year than they did in 1981.

Mr. Brana said the added week of paid vacation and a reduction in the working week to 39 hours from 40 hours, with no loss of pay, would cost employers \$7 billion a year. The ministry estimates the extra cost at nearer \$3 billion, however.

Mr. Brana noted that to offset the rise in corporate charges this year the 1982 budget provides for a "derisory" increase of less than \$2 billion in state assistance to the private sector.

The Patronat official added that French corporate earnings fell 30% last year, adjusted for inflation.

Although Prime Minister Mauroy has already indicated that the government is prepared to trim the corporate tax increase set for this year, analysts don't expect the government to bow to other employer demands.

The dilemma facing the Mitterrand administration is that any measures aimed at easing the corporate tax burden and expanding social expenditures would be diametrically opposed to its efforts to restrain public spending.

Most economic analysts are agreed, however, that this year's budget deficit will exceed the projected \$15 billion. The Economics Ministry said yesterday that the deficit in the first two months of this year widened to \$6.2 billion, from \$3.5 billion a year before, converting the franc at its current rate.

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THE U.S. AND FRENCH ECONOMIES COMPARED

Setting

A year ago both economies faced rising unemployment, high inflation, and weak growth outlooks. Each chose fundamentally different policies. We chose anti-inflation, private sector revitalization, and reduced role for government. Mitterrand, elected in May 1981, chose: to ignore inflation; to pursue activist government stimulus to the economy; and to implement a program of increased government intervention and nationalization. Only a year later, these choices have produced substantially different outcomes.

Inflation

Our inflation has slowed dramatically from a rate of 12.4% in 1980 to less than 9% in 1981 -- and only 3.5% in January. French inflation has remained in the 13-to-14 percent range over the same period.

Growth

Despite French efforts to stimulate the economy, GNP grew less than one percent last year. Our growth was nearly two percent and our prospects are for non-inflationary recovery.

Money Supply

Over the past year our money supply grew about 5% and was below the targeted growth rate. French money supply grew 15% and was above target. The basic aim of French monetary policy is to finance the budget deficit, whatever it takes. After adjustment for inflation, French "real" interest rates are very low -- clearly too low for controlling inflation.

Interest Rates

France cannot legitimately blame its "high" interest rates on us. France's basic problem is inflationary policy -- high inflation leads to high interest rates. As noted, French interest rates -- adjusted for inflation -- are very low. Also, while our interest rates are higher than they were at the beginning of the year, theirs have fallen.

Budget Deficit

French government expenditures are growing nearly 20% annually, while U.S. expenditure growth has slowed to about 10%. In 1981, total government expenditures were 45% of French GNP compared to 23% for the United States. The French deficit will hit 3.5% of GNP in 1982, the equivalent of a \$112 billion U.S. deficit. (We expect a U.S. deficit equal to 3.2% of GNP.)

Balance of Payments

The French face a very large deficit of \$11 billion on current account (in GNP-equivalent terms, this corresponds to more than \$50 billion for the United States). We expect a modest \$5 billion U.S. deficit this year. France will have to borrow abroad to finance its deficit.

Exchange Rate and Intervention

Rising inflation and inflation expectations, and low real interest rates, have led to downward pressures on the French franc. France, not wanting to accept the market's opinion, intervenes heavily to support the exchange rate.

The French would like us to intervene as well to support the franc, to help shield the French economy from the market's judgement and permit them to continue to follow inflationary policies. Their criticism of U.S. policy as the source of their problems is false — and represents an effort to shift blame in the eyes of French public opinion.

Soviet Trade

French exports to the Soviet Union remain stagnant at just over 2 percent of their total exports, and less than 1/2 percent of GNP. In 1981, French exports to the Soviet Union amounted to \$2.5 billion, while U.S. exports to the Soviet Union were \$2.4 billion.

Nationalization

Mitterrand's Administration has recently nationalized almost all private French banks and the largest industrial companies. We are concerned that American minority shareholders may not receive fair compensation; that the remaining American firms in France may be discriminated against; and that American subsidiaries of nationalized firms may be prevented from operating on a profit-oriented basis in order to further Mitterrand's social and economic policies. The exact French positions on these matters are still being formulated, and we are working closely with them to establish clear guidelines which address our concerns. After a long period of delay, there are indications that the French will act soon.

U.S. - FRENCH ECONOMIC FACT SHEET

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	U.S.	France
Unemployment Rate (February)	8.8 %	8.5 %
Inflation Rate (CPI) 1980 (12 months to December) 1981 (12 months to December)	12.4 %	13.6 % 14.0
January 1982 (annual rate)	3.5	13.1
Money Supply M-1 Growth Rate (Q4-80 to Q4-81)	5.0 %	14.8 %
Real GNP Growth (1981)	1.9 %	0.7 %
<u>Interest Rates</u> (short-term) <u>2</u> /	-	
Nominal March 1981 March 1982	14.4 % 14.0	12.6 % 14.1
Real (adjusted for inflation) March 1981 March 1982 (Estimated)	+ 5.2 % +10.5	-0.1 % +1.0
Central Government Budgets		
Deficit		
(\$ bil) 1981 1982	-58 -99	-13.7 (-73) $-21.6 (-112)$
As % of GNP 1981 1982	-2.0 % -3.2 %	
Expenditures		
Growth rate 1981 1982	14 % 10 %	15 % 21 %
As % of GNP 1981	23 %	45 %
Balance of Payments (Current Account) (\$ bil)		
1981 (Estimated) 1982 (Projected)	+6 -5	$\begin{array}{cccc} -7.8 & (-40) \\ -10.8 & (-56) \end{array}$

^{1/} For comparison, French data in parentheses adjusted to
 larger size of U.S. economy.
2/ U.S. rate: 90-day N.Y. CDs; French rate: 3-month Interbank.

MEMORANDUM

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

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July 16, 1982

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MEMORANDUM FOR BUD McFARLANE

FROM:

Nancy Bearg Dyke

SUBJECT:

Vice President's Meeting with French Ambassador

The Vice President will meet with the French Ambassador, Bernard Vernier-Palliez, on Monday, July 19 at 10:30 a.m. for 30 minutes in his White House West Wing office. May we please have recommended talking points and background papers for the Vice President's use as soon as possible.

Thank you.

cc: Mike Wheeler

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

DATE July 16, 1982

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Situation Room:

Please LDX attached to:
 State Secretariat
 Department of State
For: Appropriate Action

Due: 19 July 1982

Return copy and receipt to NSC Secretariat. Thanks.

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(Addressees are listed in alphabetical order)

The Honorable James A. Baker, III

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MEMORANDUM TO JIM BAKER

FROM:

SUBJECT:

JAY KEYWORTH My Meyword CANCELLATION OF AIRLIFT SUPPORT (My memorandum, June 8, 1982)

With your support we had arranged military airlift on July 16-19 for a visit by the French Minister of State, Jean-Pierre Chevenement, to Los Alamos National Laboratory and to several high-technology industries in the San Francisco area.

Chevenement has just added the portfolio of the Ministry of Industry to his previous role as party leader and head of the Ministry of Research and Technology. As a result, he has postponed his visit to the U.S. until at least September. I may be back to you for authorization for airlift support if a similar trip is arranged at that time.

Thanks for your help. We have already given the Military Office preliminary word of the cancellation.

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November 17, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR L. PAUL BREMER III

Executive Secretary

Department of State

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SUBJECT:

Meeting with the President and the Mayor of

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

Paris, Jacques Chirac

In response to the State Department's request, a meeting has been scheduled with the President for Mayor of Paris, Jacques Chirac, on January 13 from 11:30 to 11:50 a.m. The Department is requested to confirm the arrangements with Mr. Chirac and to arrange with Mort Allin in the White House Communications Office for a simultaneous press release. The text of the White House press release will be as follows:

President Reagan has invited Mayor of Paris Jacques Chirac to meet with him during the mayor's visit to the United States. The Mayor has accepted and will meet with the President on January 13, 1983.

Briefing materials for the meeting are requested by close-ofbusiness January 11, 1983.

> Michael O. Wheeler Staff Secretary

Michael O. W

NSC# 8207936

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION

November 16, 1982

MEMORANDUM	FOR	MICHAEL	Ο.	WHEELER

THROUGH:

CHARLES P. TYSON

THROUGH:

MORT ALLIN

FROM:

DENNIS CALAIF

SUBJECT:

Meetings with European Leaders

Attached for your signature are two memorandums to State informing them of two meetings which the President will have in January with European leaders.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the two memos at Tabs I and II.

Approve 🖍

Disapprove

Tab I Bremer memo re Mock
Tab II Bremer memo re Chirac

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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT WASHINGTON

December 20, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR THE NSC SECRETARIAT

FROM:

Don Gregg

SUBJECT:

Vice President's Meeting with the Mayor of Paris

The Vice President will meet with Mr. Jacques Chirac, the Mayor of Paris, on Thursday, January 13 at 4:00 p.m. for 30 minutes in his White House West Wing office. May we please have recommended talking points and background papers for the Vice President's use by close of business, Tuesday, January 11.

Thank you.

Cy to: Bud McFarlane

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Date February 10, 1983

For: Mr. William P. Clark
National Security Council
The White House

Reference: X From: Mayor Chirac, Paris To: The President January 19, 1983 Subject: Thank you Letter WH Referral Dated: NSC ID # The attached item was sent directly to the Department of State. Action Taken: A draft reply is attached. A draft reply will be forwarded. A translation is attached. An information copy of a direct reply is attached. We believe no response is necessary for the reason cited below. The Department of State has no objection to the proposed travel. Other.

Remarks:

This is merely a thank you, and no response is necessary.

L. Faul Bremer, III Executive Secretary

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE DIVISION OF LANGUAGE SERVICES

(TRANSLATION)

LS NO. 108622-A JF/JRP French

The Mayor of Paris

Paris, January 19, 1983

Mr. President:

I was extremely gratified by the welcome you extended to me and by the talk we had together.

Having returned to Paris, I note with great pleasure, from all the reports in France of my visit to the White House, the extent to which French public opinion, in times of difficulty, remains attached to the alliance and to the friendship of the United States.

I hope that Paris will soon have the opportunity to demonstrate this to you again.

Accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my very high consideration.

[s] J. Chirac

The President of the United States.

A ...

Le Maire de Paris

Paris, le 19 janvier 1983

Monsieur le Président,

J'ai été infiniment sensible à l'accueil et à l'entretien que vous avez bien voulu me réserver.

A mon retour à Paris, je me réjouis de constater, à travers tous les échos qui sont parvenus en France de ma visite à la Maison Blanche, combien l'opinion française, dans les moments difficiles, est attachée à l'alliance et à l'amitié des Etats-Unis.

J'espère que Paris aura un jour prochain l'occasion de vous le témoigner à nouveau.

Je vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur le Président, l'assurance de ma très haute considération.

Monsieur le Président des ETATS-UNIS



Monsieur Jacques Chirac Maire de Paris

vous adresse ses remerciements
et ses vœux les meilleurs pour la nouvelle année