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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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May 20, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: Letter from President Mitterrand

Attached is an unofficial translation of a letter to you from Francois Mitterrand. You may wish to refer to this at dinner tonight and to show it to Chancellor Schmidt during your meeting tomorrow.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
✓ James Baker
Michael Deaver

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White House Guidelines, August 23, 1997
By msn NARA, Date 8/15/00

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Review on May 20, 1987

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SUBJECT: BRIEFING BOOKS FOR VP TRIP TO PARIS & LONDON ON 23 - 26 JUN

ACTION: PREPARE MEMO FOR ALLEN TO VP DUE: 22 JUN 81 STATUS S FILES

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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June 23, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN *Allen*
SUBJECT: Message from President Mitterrand

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PZ*

Attached is an informal translation of a message to you from President Mitterrand.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 23, 1981

Dear Mr. President:

I send you greetings through my Vice President and good friend George Bush. I have instructed him to give you a full and frank account of our policies, and to explore with you and your officials the full range of our joint concerns.

Our countries are faced with similar challenges both in the area of the economy, and in the area of national security. It will require persistent and imaginative efforts on both our parts to surmount them. I sense in France the same desire my countrymen have expressed to approach old problems in new ways. We are optimistic about the future.

In this spirit I anticipate a fruitful and cooperative relationship with you and your Administration. Vice President Bush will initiate a dialogue that I look forward to continuing personally at Ottawa next month.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

His Excellency
Francois Mitterrand
President of the French Republic
Paris

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His Excellency
Francois Mitterrand
President of the French Republic
Paris

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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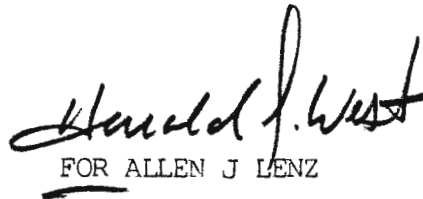
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MEMORANDUM

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 23, 1981

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN 
SUBJECT: Letter to President Mitterrand

Attached for your signature is a letter for the Vice President to carry to President Mitterrand.

Speechwriters have reviewed the text.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the letter at Tab A to President Mitterrand.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 23, 1981

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION

June 23, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM:

DENNIS C. BLAIR *DB*

SUBJECT:

Letter to President Mitterrand

Attached is a revised letter from the President for the Vice President to carry to President Mitterrand. This version is simple and straightforward.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the memo to the President at Tab I.

Approve *MB*
6/23

Disapprove _____

Attachments:

Tab I

Memo to the President

A - Letter to President Mitterrand

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
June 22, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN *Allen*
SUBJECT: Your Visit to Paris and London
24-25 June 1981

Paris

In your meeting with President Mitterrand, you will not only hear his views, but, more important, you will be giving him a sense of where President Reagan is leading the United States. We heard a great deal from Minister Cheysson on where France is headed. Your visit should let President Mitterrand know where we are going. The remarks you make at the very outset of the meeting will be important in this regard. I suggest the following approach:

"There has been a great deal of comment that our administration is concerned primarily with East-West relations, and yours with North-South relations; that President Reagan is a capitalist and you are a socialist; that therefore our two countries are bound to be at odds. This analysis is superficial. The common vision for the future which you and President Reagan share is far more important. Both you and my President have a confident faith that the values of the West can be defended and should be asserted in the world. The American and French revolutions are more than historical events. They represent the hope of the individual and of free peoples against the totalitarian values of other systems of government which place the state first. At a time when many countries seem tired and discouraged, France and the United States have elected leaders who are optimistic, who are determined to take action, and who have energized their countries. We feel that France's efforts in the world will parallel our own." ~~(C)~~

In addition to the policy points which State highlights in its memo, it is important that you convey to President Mitterrand a sense of President Reagan's priorities and personality:

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Review on June 22, 1987

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By UJ, NARA, Date 5/9/03

-- The President's highest priority is reducing the government's excessive influence on the economy and the lives of our citizens: controlling the budget, reducing taxes, reducing regulation.

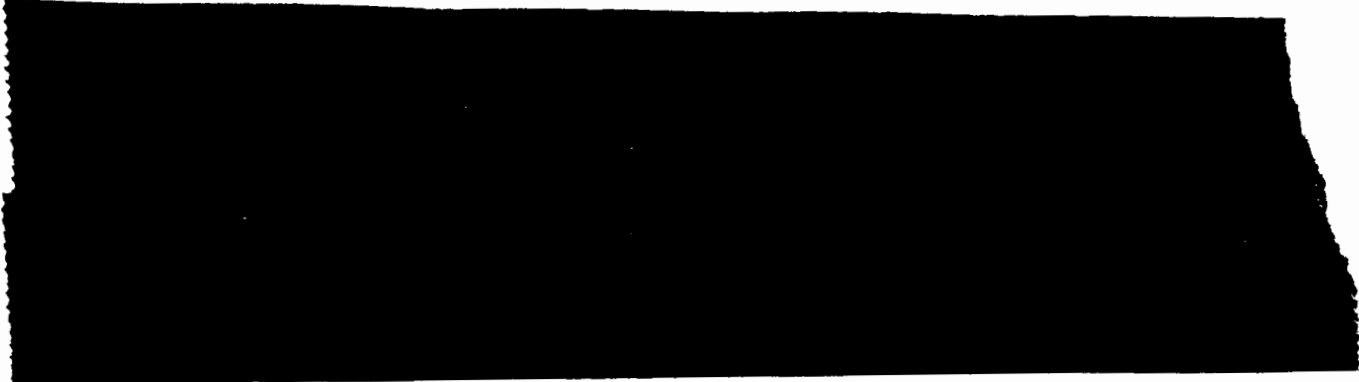
-- The President believes strongly that we should improve relations with our neighbors and our allies as a top priority. Hence the trip to Canada, the first visit of a U.S. president in 9 years, the opening to Mexico, the Caribbean basin policy, the meetings with our allies in East Asia and in Europe.

-- The President is prepared to deal with the Soviets on the full range of common issues: trade, arms control, confidence-building measures. He feels that an essential background to those dealings is a reversal of the trends of the last decade: declining military strength and a weakening economy. With those trends reversed, we will have more leverage to bargain.

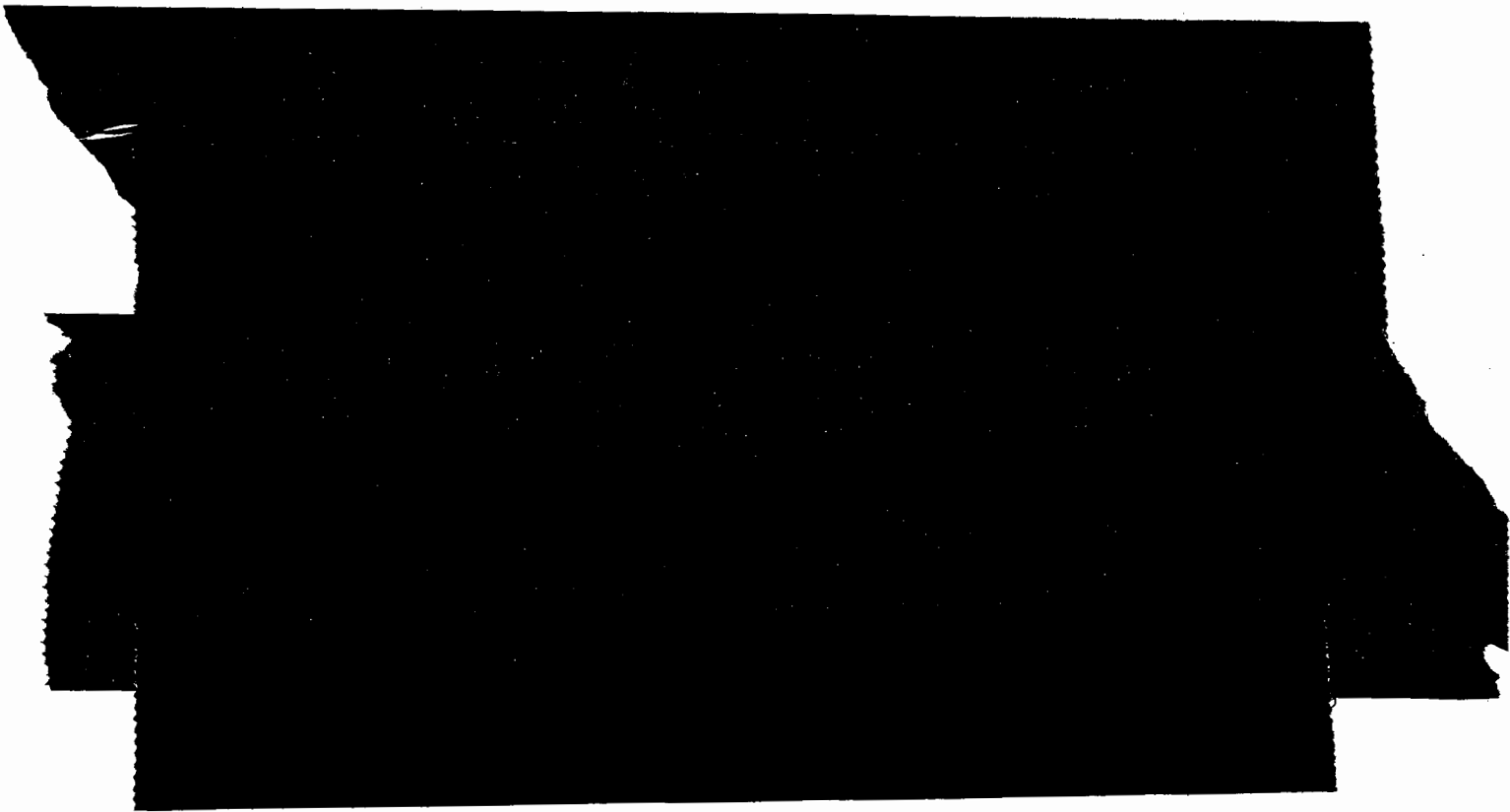
-- The President's goal with regard to the lesser developed countries is that they develop their private sectors in ways that make economic sense and that they join in the Western economic system through mutually beneficial economic arrangements. (C)

In addition, you should satisfy President Mitterrand's curiosity about President Reagan's personal approach to government; his style. (S)

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In dealing with the question of high U.S. inflation rates and their effect on Europe, you can go somewhat further than our standard line: "We don't like them either and expect them to come down soon." You can say that by our analysis their effect has been to raise European rates by a few points, but that they are by no means the only reason for high European rates. You can say that to ease up on our monetary policy at this point, while we are engaged in a tough struggle to put the President's economic program into place, would send the wrong signal domestically. Then you can ask Mauroy and Delors what sort of arrangements can be made in the short term to ease the situation in Europe while preserving the President's economic program in this country. (C)



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In the short time you will have with Mrs. Thatcher, there will be the opportunity for little more than an exchange or reassurances. The best tactic is to express continued admiration for her courage in tackling the difficult economic problems which she inherited, while wishing her success. (C)

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One final subject: Prime Minister Trudeau will be in Paris and London a day after your visit as part of consultations for the Ottawa Economic Summit. He may be attempting to line up support for his goal of producing a strong North-South plank at the Summit emphasizing global negotiations and more foreign aid. It will be important in your discussions with both Mitterrand and Thatcher to point out President Reagan's preference for broad-ranging discussions that avoid specific decisions, and of his preference for rational, market-oriented economic policies in LDCs themselves. We made these points strongly in the recent OECD meeting in Paris, so our positions are known. A reinforcing word from you would help. (C)

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE VICE PRESIDENT

From: Walter J. Stoessel, Jr., Acting
Secretary of State

Subject: Your Visit to Paris, June 24-25

I. SETTING AND OBJECTIVES

Your visit comes just after the final round of legislative elections June 21. The Socialists alone may obtain a majority in the National Assembly, but will not want to appear as rejecting Communist cooperation out of hand. Thus, they will probably begin negotiations on June 22 to see if the Communists will join a coalition government. They will pose conditions which will be difficult for the Communists to accept, and will negotiate toughly in view of their strong political position. Nevertheless, the Communists in their weakened state could see advantage in joining the government now, to make trouble later. It cannot be excluded that they may enter minor positions in the Cabinet. Should this happen, the confidence and quality of our bilateral relations with France will suffer, and the psychological barrier to inclusion of Communists in other Allied governments, particularly Italy, will be lowered.

If Communists are included in the French Government we will have to state publicly our opposition to Communist participation in Allied governments, to offset the effect in Italy.

However, we should not burn our bridges since we will need French cooperation on issues of interest to us.

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It is possible that the new government will not be formed until after your visit. The political climate will be sensitive, and you should be prudent in any comment on the Communist issue, especially in public (a contingency question and answer has been included in your briefing material). We recommend against raising this matter with Mitterrand, but should he raise it, you should tell him frankly that Communist participation will inevitably have a negative effect on our relations.

Your visit will be a public demonstration of the Reagan Administration's desire to establish close working relations with Mitterrand. You will also see Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy, who will be a key figure in the formulation of policy and the composition of the government. In addition, you will call on Paris Mayor Jacques Chirac at City Hall (traditional during high-level visits to Paris). Following Giscard's defeat, Chirac is the de facto leader of the center-right opposition. This call will show that we continue to value our relations with that part of the political spectrum.

Your objectives will be:

1. Establish the basis for productive relations with Mitterrand.
2. Probe Mitterrand's thinking and influence his policies on major issues of interest to us.
3. Explain our views on economic policy and the Ottawa Summit.

II. ISSUES -- Meetings with Mitterrand and Mauroy

1. Productive Relations with Mitterrand

We want to build on Foreign Minister Cheysson's visit to Washington to open a dialogue with Mitterrand himself. Cheysson was struck by the parallels between the political visions of Presidents Reagan and Mitterrand; he recalled President Reagan's image of "a shining city on a hill", which he thought very similar to Mitterrand's ambitions for France. Your meeting will be important for Mitterrand's understanding of President Reagan and in preparing the President for his meeting with Mitterrand at the Ottawa Summit. We

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are considering recommending that, at Ottawa, the President extend to Mitterrand an invitation to visit Washington in connection with the Yorktown Bicentennial next October when Mitterrand will be on his way to the Cancun Summit.

Talking Points

-- French and U.S. interests are largely parallel; cooperation is mutually beneficial and we hope to continue and expand it. We also want to consult on policy areas where our views may differ.

-- We respect French independence. We will consider French views and ask that they consider ours.

-- President Reagan is looking forward to a meeting with Mitterrand in Ottawa. President Reagan's political and economic policies are designed to revitalize and strengthen our Western ideals of freedom and democracy, and Mitterrand may find that they complement his own ambitions for France.

2. East-West Relations

We need a broad understanding with the French on relations with the USSR, including defense, Poland, Afghanistan, arms control, technology transfer and East-West economic relations in general.

Talking Points

-- East-West relations are the most important area for U.S.-French cooperation. Constraining Soviet behavior and restoring a workable balance of power are the necessary conditions for productive East-West relations.

-- We do not seek precise agreement on all specific aspects, but without general agreement between us, the Western position will be divided and weak. This will clearly require continuing consultations between policy officials.

-- The U.S. is determined to redress adverse military trends and to work with allies and regional states to counter Soviet and proxy activities. French cooperation will be important in this effort.

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3. Middle East

Mitterrand has been more favorable to Israel than previous French governments. Cheysson confirmed that the new French government would support Camp David and would consult closely with us. Mitterrand is interested in a personal role for himself and has offered to visit both Israel and Saudi Arabia "when circumstances permit." He believes that his ability to talk to the Israelis will give France a greater role. Cheysson also said that France would carry through on existing arms supply and nuclear contracts and would upgrade relations with the Persian Gulf states. The Israeli raid on the Iraqi nuclear facility may restrain early development of French-Israeli relations. The French will have to decide whether to replace the Iraqi facility.

Talking Points

-- We look forward to close cooperation on the Middle East and hope France will play an important role.

-- After the Israeli elections we hope to revitalize the Camp David process.

-- The Israeli raid on the Iraqi nuclear facility was disturbing, but we must not permit it to derail the Camp David process, nor efforts to defuse the Lebanese crisis.

-- We believe it is in our mutual interest to consult closely on this matter before any future decisions are made.

4. Africa

The French presence in Africa is an important factor for stability and economic development. We have cooperated closely in a number of areas. Continuation of active French cooperation on contingencies and long-term goals is essential. Early in his career, Mitterrand held a Cabinet position responsible for francophone African countries, and he retains a personal commitment to Africa. His emphasis is likely to be on political dialogue and economic assistance over military intervention. His contacts with "progressive" regimes could be used to our advantage.

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Talking Points

-- We recognize that the new French Government will have a different style, but we hope the French interest and involvement in Africa will continue. The French presence is important to the achievement of Western objectives.

-- We hope France will continue its commitments in Zaire, Central African Republic, and Djibouti.

-- We are pleased that France will continue to work for a solution in the Namibia Contact Group.

-- We look forward to cooperating with the French as they seek to end Libya's presence in Chad.

5. Spain

Spanish entry into NATO will strengthen the Alliance, help get the military out of politics, and forestall a right-wing coup. The Spanish socialists are opposed to NATO membership. Mitterrand can help to blunt socialist opposition by working through the Socialist International and by convincing Willy Brandt of the need for Spanish NATO membership. Spain is also threatened by Basque terrorism.

Currently the Spanish have asked for extradition of a convicted Basque terrorist held in France.

In view of our strong opposition to terrorism, we made a demarche to the French. The case is pending.

Talking Points

-- We need Mitterrand's help in convincing the Spanish Socialists that membership in NATO will strengthen Spanish democracy. Willy Brandt needs to be convinced.

-- Basque terrorism could also threaten Spanish democracy. The French should consider carefully the effect in Spain of the way they handle the Basque terrorist issue.

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6. Economic Policy

Mitterrand's policies conflict with ours in a number of areas. Cheysson confirmed that Mitterrand would proceed with his economic program, including nationalizations which would affect some U.S. interests (French subsidiaries of Honeywell and ITT). Wage increases could lead to monetary instability and protectionism. Mitterrand and his Ministers have taken a strong public stance opposing high U.S. interest rates and arguing that they undercut European efforts for economic recovery.

Talking Points

- Explain our economic program of budget cuts, tax reductions and deregulation.
- Point out that this is a package designed to reduce inflation, as a necessary condition for strong and sustained growth and employment.
- We are sensitive to European complaints about our interest rates but believe they will come down as we succeed in controlling inflation.
- Stress our attachment to free trade. We want to know more about the French economic program and may want to discuss some aspects. We expect France to take account of U.S. interests in any nationalizations.
- We hope for close contact between the appropriate officials to avert possible conflicts.

7. Ottawa Summit

The July 19-21 Summit will be a unique opportunity to exchange views on economic issues -- particularly macro-economic subjects, trade, East-West economic relations, energy, and relations with developing nations. The President will set the stage the first evening with a general presentation of economic, political and strategic considerations. Some heads of government, including Mitterrand, believe the Summits have been overbureaucratized and are too loaded down with paper. Mitterrand does not want detailed discussions at Ottawa and does not look for specific decisions. He prefers a general dialogue concentrating on major economic issues.

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Talking Points

-- We look forward to the Ottawa Summit as an opportunity for the heads of government, foreign ministers, and finance ministers to get to know each other better and have a candid exchange.

-- Economic issues will dominate -- with focus on macro-economic questions, East-West economic relations, trade, energy, and relations with developing nations.

-- We expect informal discussion of major political issues and the political dimension of economic issues.

-- We welcome your views on economic or political subjects that deserve attention.

-- President Reagan believes discussion at Ottawa should be broad-gauged, and should not be linked to specific decisions.

III. CONTINGENCY ISSUES

1. Possible Communist Participation in French Government

We have conveyed to the French in several private channels our concerns about possible Communist participation in the French Government. We recommend that you not raise this issue with Mitterrand, who would interpret such a demarche as interference in internal French politics. It is possible, however, that he may raise the issue with you in private, explaining his logic for including the Communists. Should he do so, we recommend that you explain the negative effect such a step would have on our bilateral relations.

Talking Points (if raised)

-- Inclusion of Communists will inevitably have a negative effect on the quality and confidence of our relations.

-- The effect elsewhere could also be adverse. If the Communists were to enter the government in Italy, this could have a sharply negative effect on our interests, and result in a serious weakening of NATO's southern tier at a time when the Soviets are testing the Alliance.

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2. Visit to the United States

Mitterrand has expressed an interest (most recently through Senator Laxalt) in visiting the U.S. at an early date. Governor Dalton of Virginia is inviting Mitterrand to attend the Bicentennial of the Yorktown Battle next October 18-19. Should this issue arise, we recommend that you express a general desire for a Mitterrand visit.

Talking Points (if raised)

-- President Reagan is also interested in an early visit by Mitterrand to Washington. We will be looking for a suitable occasion.

IV. Meeting with Chirac

Chirac, the Gaullist leader, was Giscard's main rival within the center-right coalition. With Giscard's defeat he has become the de facto leader of the opposition.

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Talking Points

-- We valued our long cooperative relationship with the previous French Government and continue to have great respect for its leaders.

-- Explain President Reagan's economic program of budget cuts, tax reductions and deregulation.

-- Stress need for broad U.S.-European agreement on relations with the Soviets.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: Walter J. Stoessel, Jr., Acting
Secretary of State

SUBJECT: Your Visit to London, June 25-26

I. SETTING AND OBJECTIVES

Your visit builds on Thatcher's February meeting in Washington with the President. You are the most senior member of the Reagan Administration to visit London, and you will be seeing the Prime Minister at a time when Middle Eastern and southern African issues -- where we cooperate closely with the British -- are coming to a head. The British will expect a read-out on your visit to Paris.

The Thatcher government will be looking to your visit to enhance its prestige in foreign affairs at a time of mounting discontent over rising unemployment and cuts in public spending. Close Anglo-American cooperation also strengthens Britain's role in multilateral fora. The Thatcher government is in tune with the Reagan's administration, but will probably seek US support for a more active EC role in the Middle East than we would like. The UK takes over the EC Presidency on July 1. The British will also seek to keep the US in the lead in the search for a Namibia solution.

Your objectives will be to:

1. Reaffirm the special relationship between the Reagan Administration and the Thatcher government.
2. Emphasize that the EC Middle East initiative during the UK Presidency should not undercut US efforts to move the Camp David process forward.
3. Give our views on southern Africa in light of Deputy Secretary Clark's visit to the region.
4. Share thinking on developments in Poland and Afghanistan.
5. (If raised) Note our policy on Northern Ireland.

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II. ISSUES

1. The US/UK Bilateral Relationship

Prime Minister Thatcher was the first head of government of a major ally to visit President Reagan; Mrs. Reagan will attend the wedding of Prince Charles in July. Minister of Defense John Nott is visiting Washington June 20-21 to consult on the UK defense review.

Talking Points

--We are delighted that Mrs. Reagan will visit London for HRH Prince Charles's marriage.

--We appreciate your close bilateral consultation as your defense review has progressed, as well as your consultations with the rest of the Alliance.

2. The Middle East

During the UK Presidency of the EC, Thatcher and Carrington may try to accelerate the EC initiative. They continue to call for a wider role for the PLO than has been acceptable to American public opinion.

Talking Points

--In the aftermath of the Security Council debate on the Israeli attack on the Iraqi nuclear facility, we appreciate HMG standing with us in resisting any effort to expel Israel from the UN or to impose sanctions.

--The Israeli attack makes it all the more important that we act positively to reinforce the Egypt/Israel Peace Treaty. It is the bedrock upon which our further efforts to advance the peace process and improve regional stability must rest.

--To this end, we are close to final agreement with Egypt and Israel on a charter for the Sinai multinational force.

--The leaders of Egypt and Israel, as well as the Saudi Foreign Minister have been invited to Washington late this summer to meet with the President and discuss next steps in the peace process.

Namibia and Southern Africa

In the wake of the Deputy Secretary's journey to the region, we are trying to shore up support for the Contact Group.

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Talking Points

--We place the greatest importance on maintaining Contact Group Unity on the Namibia issue.

--We appreciate the steadying hand that the British are giving to the Contact Group, and your recognition that for the moment at least, we must take the lead with the South Africans.

--We have no illusions about the difficulties of the course on which we are embarked. We are prepared to take the inevitable criticism which will be directed against us as we go down this particular road.

4. East/West Relations, including Poland and Afghanistan

Talking Points

Poland

--The period before the July 14 Party Congress will be difficult and puts a premium on close allied consultations.

--We doubt that the Soviets have made up their mind about an invasion. What is your thinking?

--We need to continue to make clear to the Soviets that intervention would be met with a firm, lasting, and united international response.

Afghanistan

--We welcome the British proposal for an international conference.

--US and UK efforts to convene a conference should be coordinated with a UNGA strategy which will result in passage of a strong resolution.

--We appreciate Pakistan's leadership in the past in organizing and sustaining opposition to the occupation. We will need to maximize Pakistani participation in the conference initiative and our UNGA strategy.

5. Northern Ireland (if raised)

Talking Point

--As President Reagan said on St. Patrick's Day, we will continue to condemn violence and urge the parties to come together for a just and peaceful solution. Do you think the elections in Ireland will affect the North?

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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June 22, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: DENNIS C. *DB*

SUBJECT: Vice President's Visit to Paris and London



In accordance with your instructions, I am also drafting a letter from President Reagan for the Vice President to carry to President Mitterrand, which I will forward separately. (U)

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memo to the Vice President at Tab I.

Approve ✓ Disapprove _____
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Tab I Memo to the Vice President
Tab II State Dept. briefing memos to the VP

cc: Charles Tyson

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Review on June 22, 1987

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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August 4, 1981

Dear Francois:

I think you know how much I valued our first meeting at the Ottawa Summit. This meeting set a tone for the entire Summit and for our future relations which I will do all in my power to preserve and enhance. I deeply appreciated the warm and thorough discussions we had. These discussions confirmed my belief in the enduring value of close U.S.-French relations.

I thus look forward all the more to seeing you in the United States in October. Our participation in the celebrations at Yorktown will provide a fitting commemoration of Franco-American friendship.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Ron

His Excellency
Francois Mitterrand
President of the French Republic
Paris

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Washington, D.C. 20520

December 4, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JAMES W. NANCE
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: 1982 Economic Summit - Reply to President Mitterrand

Attached is a draft reply from President Reagan to President Mitterrand's letter confirming Mitterrand's offer to host the 1982 Economic Summit and proposing June 7-8 as the dates for the Summit. The draft reply states that the President is not yet in a position to accept the specific dates proposed.

Secretary Haig has discussed with the President plans for a European trip which may include bilateral official visits and a stop at NATO. Agreement to the dates for the Economic Summit should await a decision on the packaging of the trip. A memorandum on that subject is being prepared and will be forwarded shortly.

L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Draft Presidential letter to President Mitterrand.
2. Mitterrand to President letter.

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*Ambassade de France
aux Etats-Unis*

Washington, le November 23, 1981

Dear Mr. Allen,

Please find enclosed herewith the original letter from President Mitterrand of which the text was forwarded to the White House on November 19, 1981.

I would be most grateful to you for remitting this document to President Reagan.

With my thanks, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'F. Plaisant', with a stylized flourish at the end.

François Marcel Plaisant
Minister Counselor

The Honorable
Richard Allen
Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

*Ambassade de France
aux Etats-Unis*

Washington, le November 19, 1981

Dear Mr. Allen,

You will find herewith, for transmission to its high addressee, the text of a message sent by President Mitterrand which I have been asked today, November 19, to convey to President Reagan.

As soon as I receive the original of this message, I will also send it to you for transmission.

With my sincere thanks for your help and best regards,

Sincerely yours,



François Marcel Plaisant
Minister Counselor

The Honorable
Richard Allen
Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear Mr. President:

I was pleased to receive your letter confirming your kind offer to host the Economic Summit in 1982. Although it is not possible for me at this moment to accept definitively the dates you propose, please be assured that I will be arranging my schedule so as to give you a final response in the near future.

The prospect of visiting France is particularly appealing. Moreover, I look forward to the opportunity to join you and our colleagues in a frank discussion of the economic challenges before us.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

His Excellency
Francois Mitterrand,
President of the French Republic,
Paris.

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SUBJECT: LTR TO PRES SUGGESTING FRANCE HOST NEXT MTG OF INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500

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*Ambassade de France
aux Etats-Unis*

L'Ambassadeur

Washington, October 26, 1981

Dear Arch,

Please find enclosed the text of a message from Mr. Mitterrand, President of the French Republic, to the President of the United States, which he addressed on the occasion of a lay-over at Dulles Airport, on his return from the Cancun Summit.

I would be most grateful to you for remitting this document to its high addressee.

With my best personal regards, I am

Wort Sincerely,

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François de Laboulaye

The Honorable
Richard V. Allen
Special Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500



Paris, le 25 octobre 1981

Au moment où, de retour de Cancun, je fais escale dans votre pays, je vous adresse à nouveau mes remerciements pour l'accueil que vous m'avez réservé en commémorant la Bataille de Yorktown.

Les entretiens que nous avons eus à cette occasion ont permis à l'amitié franco-américaine de s'exprimer et favoriseront l'approfondissement de nos relations.

Signé : François Mitterrand,
Président de la
République Française

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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October 26, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN *Allen*
SUBJECT: Message From Mitterrand

French President Francois Mitterrand sent you a message when he overflew the U.S. returning to France from the Cancun summit. The FAA translator was unable to hear some parts of the tape, precluding an exact translation. President Mitterrand thanked you for the hospitality you showed him in the celebrations commemorating the Battle of Yorktown, and said it increased the Franco-American friendship.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 23, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT: Message from President Mitterrand

Attached is an informal translation of a message to you from President Mitterrand.

cc: The Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

November 23, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. ALLEN LENZ
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Alerting NSC on Presidential
Correspondence

Enclosed is a copy of a letter to President Reagan from President Mitterrand of France which is transmitted for your information.

This document was received in the Executive Secretariat Information Management Section on November 23, 1981.

William E. Brown
for Director, S/S-I
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FOR ALLEN J LENZ

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PAR LA VALISE DIPLOMATIQUE

Son Excellence Monsieur Ronald REAGAN

Président des Etats-Unis d'Amérique

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