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Date: 8/16/2000

DOCUMENT NO. & TYPE	SUBJECT/TITLE	DATE	RESTRICTION
1. draft letter	Reagan to Mitterrand, 2p <i>R 5/9/03 F99-077/1 #56</i>	1/13/82	P1/F1
2. letter (8200112)	Mitterrand to Reagan (translation), 2p	12/6/81	P1/F1
3. letter	Mitterrand to Reagan (unofficial translation), 1p	nd	P1/F1
4. letter	Mitterrand to Reagan (French), 2p	12/6/81	P1/F1
5. memo	Allen Lenz to J. Paul Bremer re: response to Mitterrand, 1p <i>R 5/9/03 F99-077/1 #60</i>	1/15/82	P1/F1
6. letter	Mitterrand to Reagan (original), 2p	12/6/81	P1/F1
7. memo	Jim Rensehler to William Clark re: Mitterrand message, 1p <i>R 5/9/03 F99-077/1 #62</i>	1/11/82	P1/F1
8. memo	Clark to the President re: Mitterrand message, 1p <i>PART #63</i>	nd	P1/F1
9. letter	Text same as item 3, 1p	nd	P1/F1
10. cable (8200414)	240559Z JAN 82, 2p <i>R 5/9/03 F99-077/1 #65</i>	1/24/82	P1/F1
11. draft letter	Reagan to Mitterrand, 1p <i>R - #66</i>	nd	P1/F1
12. draft letter	Reagan to Mitterrand, 1p <i>L - #67</i>	nd	P1/F1

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13. letter (8201335)	Mitterrand to Reagan (translation), 1p	3/11/82	P1/F1
14. letter	Mitterrand to Reagan (French), 1p	3/11/82	P1/F1
15. letter	Mitterrand to Reagan (annotated), 1p	3/11/82	P1/F1
16. memo (8202824)	Rentschler to McFarlane re: letter to Mitterrand, 1p <i>R 5/9/03 F99-077/1 #71</i>	5/26/82	P1/F1
17. draft letter	Reagan to Mitterrand, 3p <i>R ~ ~ #72</i>	nd	P1/F1
18. draft letter	Reagan to Mitterrand (annotated), 3p <i>D ~ ~ #73</i>	7/5/82	P1/F1
19. draft letter (8204861)	Reagan to Mitterrand, 1p <i>R ~ ~ #74</i>	nd	P1/F1
20. letter	Mitterrand to Reagan (translation), 3p	7/10/82	P1/F1
21. letter	Mitterrand to Reagan (French), 2p	7/10/82	P1/F1
22. letter	text same as item # 21, 2p	7/10/82	P1/F1
23. memo	Walter Stoessel to the President re. French participation in International Force for Beirut, 2p <i>R 3/19/01 F99-077/1 #78</i>	7/10/82	P1/F1

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DOCUMENT NO. & TYPE	SUBJECT/TITLE	DATE	RESTRICTION
24. letter	Mitterrand to Reagan (informal translation), 2p	7/10/82	P1/F1
25. diplomatic note	1p D 5/9/03 F99-077/1. 480	7/10/82	P1/F1

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1/13/82

Dear Francois:

At our meeting in Ottawa last July, I spoke about the need for better control over trade with the Soviet Union in strategic goods and technologies as we pursue our common goal of strengthening Western security. We agreed to hold a special high-level meeting of the East-West Trade Coordinating Committee to discuss this issue.

That meeting should reach a consensus for tighter controls that are better enforced and administered. Over the past decade, Western exports (and illegal Soviet acquisitions) have made significant contributions to the military capabilities of the USSR and the Warsaw Pact.

These contributions have added to the shift in the global military balance that we must now redress at great expense. The uncontrolled export of technology and critical equipment for the Soviet military infrastructure must be stopped. In making this request, I am counting on your appreciation of the dangers of the current strategic position of the industrial democracies.

I know that there are differences among the COCOM countries on these issues. But we all recognize that concern for our security must be paramount. To emphasize that concern, I have asked the U.S. Defense Department to join the small U.S. delegation to the high-level meeting.

We look forward to continuing our consultations with your government as we prepare for this meeting. We have discussed a number of details and have agreed that the meeting should provide the political framework for further meetings on technical issues.

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Our diplomatic representatives are consulting now on appropriate responses to the events in Poland. These consultations and individual government decisions may lead to the adoption of special measures. However, the issues which the high-level COCOM meeting will address predate and will continue beyond events in Poland and should be addressed on their own merits. Their successful resolution is vital to our collective security. I hope you share my view that this meeting should provide the framework for further meetings on technical issues and lead to much closer consultation, cooperation and agreement among COCOM members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature, possibly reading 'PJ', in dark ink.

His Excellency
Francois Mitterrand
President of the French Republic

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FROM MITTERRAND, FRANCOIS DOCDATE 06 DEC 81

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09 JAN 81

KEYWORDS: FRANCE

DEFENSE

TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS

HS

SUBJECT: LTR TO PRES FM MITTERRAND RE US - USSR - FRANCE RELATIONS

ACTION: APPROPRIATE ACTION

DUE: 14 JAN 81 STATUS S FILES

FOR ACTION

FOR CONCURRENCE

FOR INFO

RENTSCHLER

SHOEMAKER

WEISS

LENZ

BERTA

CLEVELAND

COMMENTS Jim, you may want to prepare a joint memo for both State & Defense. State is undoubtedly working on their draft, however, you may want to ask them to expedite same. Defense will need to be tasked for both an analysis and perhaps their coordination w/ State on the draft. L.

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Jim Rentschler
Dennis Blair

See WDC note.

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WASHINGTON

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Judge Clark

FYI

Original has gone to staff for
any necessary action.


Janet

NB: let's accelerate
analysis from both
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Washington, D.C. 20520

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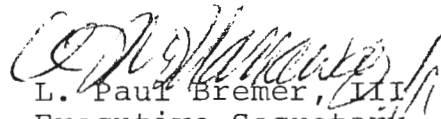
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January 8, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Letter from French President Mitterrand

During his meeting today with the Secretary of State, French Defense Minister Hernu delivered the attached letter to the President from President Mitterrand.


L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Letter from French
President Mitterrand

DECLASSIFIED
Department of State Guidelines, July 21, 1997
By MSH, NARA, Date 8/15/00

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Washington, D.C. 20520

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January 9, 1982

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Letter from French President Mitterrand

Attached is the official translation of the letter to the President from President Mitterrand, the original of which was transmitted on January 8, 1982.

L. Paul Bremer, III
L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Official Translation
of President Mitterrand's
Letter

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Department of State Guidelines, July 21, 1997
By msn NARA, Date 8/15/00

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WASHINGTON

To Jim Bentschler

WHSR
ROUTE SLIP

Time Stamp

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TO PRES

FROM MITTERRAND, FRANCOIS DOCDATE 06 DEC 81

RENTSCHLER

11 JAN 82

KEYWORDS: FRANCE

USSR

TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS

HS

SUBJECT: LTR TO PRES FM MITTERRAND RE US - USSR - FRANCE RELATIONS & DEFENSE
COOPERATION

ACTION: FWD TO PRES FOR INFO

DUE: 13 JAN 82 STATUS X FILES

FOR ACTION

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CLARK

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	1/15	WPC apud recom #2		
Rentschler	X	1/15 for further action		cc
State	D	1/15 draft response		
	C	3/2 Handled by phone for Blair		

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January 15, 1982

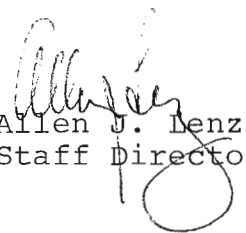
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MEMORANDUM FOR L. PAUL BREMER III
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Response to Mitterrand Letter on Bilateral Cooperation

We would appreciate receiving a recommended draft response to the January 6 letter which French President Mitterrand sent the President in the context of Defense Minister Hernu's most recent talks with Secretary Weinberger. The draft response should be coordinated with the Department of Defense and, if judged appropriate, include a reference to our own problems with the French assistance effort in Nicaragua.

The draft text should be received in the NSC by COB Monday, January 18.


Allen J. Lenz
Staff Director

cc: Mr. John H. Rixse
Deputy Assistant Secretary
of Defense
Department of Defense

Attachment:

Copy of Incoming Mitterrand Letter

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

January 11, 1982

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MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM: *JEB* JIM REITSCHLER

SUBJECT: Mitterrand Message to the President
on Defense Cooperation

Your memo to the President (Tab I) transmits a letter from French President Mitterrand which Defense Minister Hernu brought to Washington for his meeting last week with Cap Weinberger. Your memo identifies the main themes of the message (uneasiness over decisions affecting bilateral cooperation) and notes that we have tasked State and Defense for an appropriate response (the tasker is at Tab II).

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That you sign the memo to the President at Tab I.
Approve ✓ Disapprove ✓
2. That you authorize release of the Lenz-to-Bremer tasker at Tab II.
Approve ✓ Disapprove ✓

Tab I Memo to the President
A - Copy of Incoming
Tab II Tasker Memo to State and Defense

*Let's give
to Pres
only after we
have proposed
reply - will
have them
over*

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK

SUBJECT: Letter from Mitterrand on Franco-American
Defense Cooperation

The attached letter from French President Mitterrand (Tab A), handcarried here by Defense Minister Hernu during the latter's visit with Cap, obliquely refers to French "uneasiness" over recent developments affecting bilateral cooperation in the defense field.

FOUO(1)

State and Defense are working on an appropriate draft reponse, which may incorporate a pointed reference to our own problems with the French in Nicaragua.

Tab A Incoming Letter from Mitterrand

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Mr. Lenz:

WCP both approved and disapproved.
However, the bottom line is:

You should sign the memo
to Bremer. WCP does not
want to forward the memo
to the President until
we have a draft reply.

Kathy

Memo LD'd to State 1/15/82
1643

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Jim Kentchler

See Judge Clark's
note.

JK

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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JANET COLSON	<u>✓</u>	<u><i>[Signature]</i></u>
BUD NANCE	<u>✓</u>	<u><i>Bud</i></u>
JOHN POINDEXTER	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
JACQUE HILL	<u>✓</u>	<u><i>[Signature]</i></u>
JUDGE CLARK	<u>✓</u>	<u><i>[Signature]</i></u>
JANET COLSON	<u>✓</u>	<u><i>[Signature]</i></u>

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FROM L. Ron Lane (Name) (Extension) (Room Number)

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TO (Agency)	DELIVER TO:	Dept/Room No.	Extension
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TO CLARK

FROM BREMER

DOC DATE 22 JAN 82

TYSON

23 JAN 82

KEYWORDS: FRANCE

FRENCH SUMMIT

MITTERRAND, FRANCOIS

HS

SUBJECT: DRAFT LTR TO MITTERRAND RE FRENCH SUMMIT

ACTION: PREPARE MEMO FOR CLARK

DUE: 26 JAN 82 STATUS C FILES PA

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TO: ADM POINDEXTER

SUBJ: Response to Mitterrand on
Summit Dates

Re your query on the status of the above subject, the attached file copies of the Presidential response do indeed indicate that Mitterrand's mail was finally answered nearly two weeks ago.

I reconfirmed with State, which had to straighten out Embassy Paris (seems somebody fired off a cable to State taking it to task for not providing a message, when in fact the thing had been delivered 2 or 3 days before!). According to State, everybody - Embassy, State, and the Elysée Palace - and everything are on track...

Jim R. *JR*

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E.O. 12065: GDS 1/23/88 (GOMPERT, DAVID C.)

TAGS: PFOR, US, FR

SUBJECT: NATO SUMMIT: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT TO MITTERRAND

1. (S-ENTIRE TEXT)

2. AMBASSADOR SHOULD DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER FROM THE
PRESIDENT TO MITTERRAND AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY:

BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR FRANCOIS:

I AM VERY PLEASED WITH YOUR PLANS TO HOLD THE SEVEN-
NATION ECONOMIC SUMMIT AT VERSAILLES JUNE 4-6. THESE
DATES ARE ACCEPTABLE TO ME, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING
WITH YOU AND THE OTHER SUMMIT LEADERS.

AS YOU KNOW, I ALSO BELIEVE A SUMMIT MEETING OF THE
NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE IS CALLED FOR BY THE PRESENT
INTERNATIONAL SITUATION. OTHER COLLEAGUES FAVOR SUCH A
MEETING AS WELL. IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO MAKE TWO TRIPS
TO EUROPE DURING THE REMAINDER OF THIS YEAR AND I ALSO
UNDERSTAND YOU WOULD PREFER THAT SUCH A MEETING BE HELD

AFTER THE VERSAILLES MEETING. WE ARE PROPOSING THE
DATES OF JUNE 9-10 FOR THE NATO SUMMIT AND HOPE THIS,
TOO, WILL BE CONVENIENT FOR YOU.

I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF YOU AND I WERE TO HAVE
AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON A RANGE OF ISSUES
SOMETIME PRIOR TO THESE SUMMIT MEETINGS. I UNDERSTAND
THAT YOU ARE PLANNING A VISIT TO JAPAN IN APRIL. IF YOU
WOULD FIND IT CONVENIENT, I SUGGEST WE MEET IN WASHINGTON
WHEN YOU ARE ON YOUR WAY TO OR FROM TOKYO.

SINCERELY,

RONALD REAGAN

END TEXT

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BY CIS NARA, DATE 5/9/03

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Rentschler

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 23, 1982

TO: Jerry Bremer

The attached text has been
approved by Judge Clark for
transmittal to President
Mitterrand.


Chuck Tyson

427 per SB, no Hand Cy
Green to follow

LETTER TO PRESIDENT MITTERRAND

Dear Francois:

I am very pleased with your plans to hold the Seven-nation Economic Summit at Versailles June 4-6. These dates are acceptable to me, and I look forward to meeting with you and the other Summit leaders.

As you know, I also believe a summit meeting of the North Atlantic Alliance is called for by the present international situation. Other colleagues favor such a meeting as well. It would be difficult to make two trips to Europe during the remainder of this year and I also understand you would prefer that such a meeting be held after the Versailles meeting. We are proposing the dates of June 9-10 for the NATO Summit and hope this, too, will be convenient for you.

I believe it would be useful if you and I were to have an opportunity to exchange views on a range of issues sometime prior to these summit meetings. I understand that you are planning a visit to Japan in April. If you would find it convenient, I suggest we meet in Washington when you are on your way to or from Tokyo.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

His Excellency
Francois Mitterrand
President of the French Republic
Paris

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NLS 100-07711 #46
BY CH NARA DATE 5/9/03

WASHFAX RECEIPT

THE WHITE HOUSE



MESSAGE NO. 703 CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED No. PAGES TWO
FROM CHIEF OF POLICE (Name) (Extension) (Room Number)

MESSAGE DESCRIPTION LETTER TO PRES. MITTROMAN

TO (Agency) B DELIVER TO: Jerry Bremer
State Dept
632-2540

REMARKS:

URGENT!

PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT ASAP!

**THANKS,
CHIEF**



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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January 22, 1982

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Draft Letter to French President Mitterrand

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L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Draft letter

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LETTER TO PRESIDENT MITTERRAND

Dear Francois:

I am very pleased with your plans to hold the Seven-nation Economic Summit at Versailles June 4-6. These dates are acceptable to me, and I look forward to meeting with you and the other Summit leaders.

As you know, I also believe a summit meeting of the North Atlantic Alliance is called for by the present international situation. Other colleagues favor such a meeting as well. It would be difficult to make two trips to Europe during the remainder of this year and I also understand you would prefer that such a meeting be held after the Versailles meeting. We are proposing the dates of June 9-10 for the NATO Summit and hope this, too, will be convenient for you.

I believe it would be useful if you and I were to have an opportunity to exchange views on a range of issues sometime prior to these summit meetings. I understand that you are planning a visit to Japan in April. If you would find it convenient, I suggest we meet in Washington when you are on your way to or from Tokyo.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

His Excellency
Francois Mitterrand
President of the French Republic
Paris

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BY CL NARA, DATE 5/9/03

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 23, 1982

TO: Jerry Bremer

The attached text has been
approved by Judge Clark for
transmittal to President
Mitterrand.


Chuck Tyson

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THE WHITE HOUSE



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Jerry Bremer
State Dept
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REMARKS:

URGENT!

PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT ASAP!

THANKS,

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Jan 25, 1982

TO: LORETTA BRAXTON

Loretta,

I don't know who assisted CPT
on Saturday -- but attached was
sent to Bremer via LDX -- and
is forwarded to you for posterity.

Mary W

**MEMORANDUM
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TO:

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OF (Organization)

☐ PLEASE CALL → PHONE NO. CODE/EXT. ☐ FTS

☐ WILL CALL AGAIN ☐ IS WAITING TO SEE YOU

☐ RETURNED YOUR CALL ☐ WISHES AN APPOINTMENT

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KEYWORDS: GREAT BRITAIN LOS
HS MEXICO
CANADA AUSTRALIA

SUBJECT: RESPONSES TO PRES LTRS RE LOS ALSO OUTGOING LTRS TO TRUDEAU &
THATCHER & LOPEZ PORTILLO

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S/S # 8207105

Date APR 20 1982

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
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FOR: Mr. William P. Clark
National Security Council
The White House

REFERENCE:

TO: The President FROM: Francois Mitterand

DATE: 11 March 1982 SUBJECT: Law of the Sea

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- ☐ 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.
- ☐ Other.

REMARKS:

We recommend that no reply from President Reagan be made to the attached letter as the President initiated the correspondence and no new thoughts were raised in the letter.

L. Paul Bremer, III
L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

REFERRAL

DATE: 16 MAR 82

MEMORANDUM FOR: STATE SECRETARIAT

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

TO: PRESIDENT

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SOURCE: MITTERRAND, FRANCOIS

DATE: 11 MAR 82

KEYWORDS:

SUBJ:

REQUIRED ACTION: FOR INFORMATION

RECOMMENDATIONS

DUE DATE: 21 MAR 82

COMMENTS:

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FOR MICHAEL O WHEELER

STAFF SECRETARY

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*Ambassade de France
aux Etats-Unis*

Washington, le March 15, 1982

8207105

Dear Judge Clark,

You will find herewith the original of a letter which Mr. François Mitterand, the President of the French Republic, asked this Embassy to convey to President Reagan. I sent to you the text of this letter on March 12.

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

With my best regards, I am

Sincerely,



Claude HAREL
Minister-Counselor

The Honorable
William P. CLARK
Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs
The White House
WASHINGTON D.C. 20500

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TO PRESIDENT

FROM MITTERRAND, FRANCOIS DOCDATE 08 APR 82

VERNIER-PALLIEZ, BER

21 APR 82

KEYWORDS: FRANCE

ECONOMICS

BUCKLEY, JAMES L

HS

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO PRES 6 MAR LTR / BUCKLEY MISSION

ACTION: TRANSLATION / DRAFT / RECOMS DUE: 27 APR 82 STATUS D FILES

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LE PRÉSIDENT DE LA RÉPUBLIQUE

Paris, le 8 avril 1982.

Cher Ronald,

Comme vous le souhaitiez dans votre lettre du 6 mars, la mission dirigée par le Sous-Secrétaire d'Etat James L. BUCKLEY a été reçue en France avec toute l'attention qu'elle méritait. M. BUCKLEY s'est entretenu avec le Ministre des Relations Extérieures et le Ministre de la Défense, et deux importantes réunions de travail ont été organisées avec les spécialistes du Ministère des Relations Extérieures et du Ministère de l'Economie.

Comme vous le savez, les Chefs d'Etat et de Gouvernement de l'Europe des Dix récemment réunis à Bruxelles ont examiné l'état des relations économiques avec l'Europe de l'Est et ont mentionné explicitement dans le communiqué final que "la question importante de la politique en matière de crédits devrait faire l'objet d'un examen attentif de la part de la

Son Excellence
Monsieur Ronald REAGAN
Président des Etats-Unis d'Amérique
WASHINGTON.

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Historical File

Communauté Européenne, des Gouvernements des
Etats membres et d'autres Gouvernements, aussi
bien au niveau national qu'au niveau internatio-
nal et d'une étroite consultations avec les
autres pays de l'O.C.D.E."

Je vous prie de croire, Cher Ronald,
à l'assurance de ma très haute considération. *et de
mon fidèle amitié*

F. Mitterrand

François MITTERRAND

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF LANGUAGE SERVICES

(TRANSLATION)

LS NO. 106232
BH/MM
French

The President of the Republic

Paris, April 8, 1982

Dear Ronald,

As you hoped in your letter of March 6, the mission led by Under Secretary of State James L. Buckley was received in France with the full attention it deserved. Mr. Buckley met with the Minister of External Relations and the Minister of Defense, and two important working meetings were organized with experts from the Ministry of External Relations and the Ministry of Economy.

As you know, the heads of state and of government of the Europe of The Ten, meeting recently in Brussels considered the status of economic relations with Eastern Europe and specifically mentioned in the final communique that "the important issue of credit policy should be made the subject of a careful examination by the European Community, the governments of the Member States, and other governments, both at the national and international level, and of close consultations with the other OECD countries."

Accept, Ronald, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Francois Mitterrand

His Excellency
Ronald Reagan,
President of the United States of America,
Washington, D.C.

*Ambassade de France
aux Etats-Unis*

L'Ambassadeur

Washington, April 21, 1982

Dear Judge Clark:

You will find herein a letter addressed by
Mr. François Mitterrand, the President of the French Republic,
to President Reagan, and which I was asked to forward to him.

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

With my warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,



Bernard Vernier-Palliez

Enc.

The Honorable
William P. Clark
Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

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DATE: 23 APR 82

MEMORANDUM FOR: STATE SECRETARIAT

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DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

TO: PRESIDENT

SOURCE: MITTERRAND, FRANCOIS

DATE: 08 APR 82

KEYWORDS: FRANCE

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SUBJ: RESPONSE TO PRES 6 MAR LTR / BUCKLEY MISSION

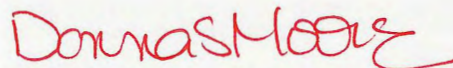
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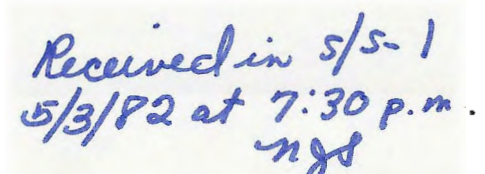
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FOR MICHAEL O WHEELER

STAFF SECRETARY



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By msj NARA, Date 6/15/00

S/S 8212584

Date MAY 19 1982

For: Mr. William P. Clark
National Security Council
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Reference:

To: President Reagan From: Francois Mitterrand

Date: _____ Subject: Response to

President Reagan's letter of March 6.

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of State.

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- _____ 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:

The letter from President Mitterrand is in reply to a March letter from President Reagan. It raises no new issues and requires no reply. We may reference this letter in future correspondence with Mitterrand on the credit issue.

William M. Bremer, III
for L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

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TO: Bud McFarlane

SUBJ: Letter to Mitterrand on Credits Issue, etc.

Bud, attached is a joint Rentschler/Robinson draft for a turn-around on the Presidential letter to Mitterrand. As per guidance from the Coast, this version differs from State's in that

--- language has been somewhat toughened;

--- reference to energy security issue is included along with credit restrictions;

--- it seeks a tonal half-way house between State's flaccid version and the style that exercised the Eagle; and

--- it makes the Polish context more explicit.

Given time constraints, we have not checked this with Norm Bailey and leave it to you whether you think that step is required.

Note that the draft has been done up as a Blue Line message, since the Judge's guidance specifically said don't bother clearing with State (in view of State's interest, however, you might want to have an approved text go out from the Sit Room with info to State so latter is at least au courant....).

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BY CIS NARA, DATE 5/9/83

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT MITTERRAND

His Excellency
Francois Mitterrand
President of the French Republic
Elysee Palace
Paris

Dear Francois:

My March 7 letter to you expressed the serious concern I feel over the danger which a continuation of previous practices in the matter of Western official credits and credit guarantees for the Soviet Union poses for our collective security and financial interests. Since that time, Under Secretary of State Jim Buckley has been working with representatives of your government and the other summit participants to reach an agreement which would diminish that danger. In a related area, we are also anxious to develop agreed measures which would enhance Europe's energy security and lessen the potential for undue dependency on Soviet supplies.

Our efforts to restrain the extension of credits to the USSR are consistent with seeking a unified allied position on the sanctions imposed against the Soviet Union following the declaration of martial law in Poland. We continue to maintain that the necessary preconditions for a return to more normal commercial relations with the USSR and Poland are the lifting of martial law, the release of political prisoners, and the reestablishment of a dialogue between the Government, Solidarity and the Church. Regrettably these developments

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have not transpired and the opposite trend may in fact be the case. I continue to hope that the agreement among the Allies not to undercut each others' sanctions during this difficult period will be observed.

Against this background, Jim Buckley reported to me that his meeting in Paris on May 14 was a major disappointment due to the unexpectedly negative position taken by your government. I would not be frank if I were to gloss over the major difficulties I believe the West will confront in strategic terms if we fail to deal forcefully with these issues. At the same time, I must stress the negative effect on public opinion in my own country should an appearance of Alliance disunity in this sensitive area prevail. Since 1974 the U.S., for its part, has refused to subsidize or guarantee credits to the Soviets, a political decision which has meant considerable sacrifice to American commercial interests. While Americans are fully prepared to make these sacrifices in the context of our mutual security, they will properly view with concern actions which can be interpreted as unfair to them at a time when they are shouldering greatly increased expenditures on behalf of our common defense.

A subsequent meeting in Washington last week of technical experts demonstrated that a balanced effective agreement is within the legal and technical capabilities of the participating countries provided the political will exists. My purpose in writing to you today is therefore to express my strong

hope that when Jim Buckley meets tomorrow in Paris with his counterparts, your government will help provide this essential element of political will and enable us to demonstrate Alliance solidarity at Versailles on an issue of grave importance for us all. If a satisfactory agreement is not concluded in advance of the summit, however, I would be perfectly willing to continue the discussion at that time.

I look forward to seeing you in Paris next week.

Sincerely,

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS/REMARKS:

ATTACHED; LETTER FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT MITTERRAND.

THE ATTACH TEXT, WITH PENCILLED IN CHANGES IN
PARAGRAPH ONE, HAS BEEN APPROVED AND TRANSMITTED.

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TO PRES

FROM MITTERAND, FRANCOIS

DOCDATE 10 JUL 82

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10 JUL 82

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KEYWORDS: FRANCE

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SUBJECT: PRES MITTERAND MSG TO PRES RE FRENCH PARTICIPATION IN INTL FORCE FOR
BEIRUT

ACTION: PREPARE MEMO FOR CLARK

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Rentschler	S 8/13	Prepare Memo for Clark	8/17	
Clark	X 8/17	Forward to Pres. for decision	8/20	
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Judge Clark	_____	_____	_____
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Sit Room	_____	_____	_____

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COMMENTS

14 Aug
*On Sat, Bud cleared a State
 prepared cable to Mitterand that
 will accomplish same purpose.
 State is holding them for transmittal
 after Pres. announces agreement.*

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

August 17, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN M. POINDEXTER

FROM: MICHAEL O. WHEELER

SUBJECT: Mitterrand Ltr

Per our discussion, attached is Jim Rentschler's package. I have also attached a copy of the Stoessel memo of July 10 which forwarded an informal translation of the Mitterrand letter.

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August 13, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

FROM: JAMES M. RENTSCHLER

SUBJECT: Presidential Response to Mitterrand on MNF

Your memo to the President (Tab I) recommends that he approve the response to French President Francois Mitterrand (Tab A) concerning France's participation in the multinational force for Beirut. The State text, worked over by Geoff Kemp, Howard Teicher, and me, and has been cleared by the speechwriters. (It should go by wire, with no signed original.)

NB. To anticipate a legitimate question, I have no idea where in hell this material has been for the past month. Nobody in my office ever saw the Mitterrand message before today - August 13! - and I can only assume that State has been sitting on it all this time. If so, they have spent an inordinately long incubation, even by their standards, to hatch a very puny egg....

RECOMMENDATION

OK

NO

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

Tab I Memo to the President
Tab A - President's response to Mitterrand
Tab B - Mitterrand correspondence

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK

SUBJECT: Message to Mitterrand on MNF for Lebanon

Your message to Francois Mitterrand (Tab A) provides an appropriate response to his July 10 letter (Tab B) concerning French participation in the multinational force for Lebanon. The State text has been cleared by NSC and the speechwriters.

RECOMMENDATION

OK NO

— — That you approve the message to Mitterrand at Tab A.

Tab A Your message to Mitterrand
Tab B Mitterrand message to you

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MSP
8/15/00

Prepared by:
James M. Rentschler

DRAFT REPLY

Dear Francois:

Thank you for your letter of July 10 concerning Lebanon--the subject with which all of us are so intensely engaged.

Our two governments have been in frequent contact over the past weeks for detailed discussions of the issues you raised in your letter. I am therefore extremely pleased that we are cooperating in the effort to place a multinational force in Beirut. Provided the final elements of an agreement with the concerned parties take shape, the participation of France, Italy, and the United States in this force can contribute much to implementing plans to restore full control of the Lebanese government over all of its territories.

I look forward to working closely with you as we continue the difficult tasks of ensuring a secure future for Lebanon as a unified, independent state in a peaceful Middle East.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

His Excellency

Francois Mitterrand,

President of the French Republic,

Paris.

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*Ambassade de France
aux Etats-Unis*

8220058

Washington, le 10 juillet 1982

L'Ambassade de France aux Etats-Unis
présente ses compliments au Département d'Etat et
a l'honneur de lui remettre le texte d'une lettre de
M. le Président de la République Française adressée
à M. le Président des Etats-Unis, en réponse au message
des 6 et 9 juillet.

L'original de cette lettre sera transmis
au Département d'Etat dès qu'il parviendra à l'Ambassade.

L'Ambassade de France aux Etats-Unis
saisit cette occasion pour renouveler au Département
d'Etat les assurances de sa haute considération. /.

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DEPARTEMENT d'ETAT
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(TRANSLATION)

LS NO. 106947-A
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Embassy of France in the United States

Washington, July 10, 1981

The Embassy of France in the United States presents its compliments to the Department of State and has the honor to enclose the text of a letter from the President of the French Republic to the President of the United States, in response to messages dated July 6 and 9, 1982.

The original of this letter will be sent to the Department of State as soon as it arrives at the Embassy.

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[Initialed]

Department of State,
Washington.



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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

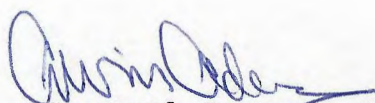
August 12, 1982

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Suggested Response to a Letter to the President from
French President Mitterrand

French President Mitterrand wrote to the President on July 10 in response to the President's letters of July 6 and 9 (Tab B). A suggested draft reply to President Mitterrand is attached at Tab A.


L. Paul Bremer, III
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

Tab A - Draft reply
Tab B - Letter to the President

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By W77 NARA, Date 8/15/00

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

July 10, 1982

WHITE HOUSE
SITUATION ROOM

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MEMORANDUM TO: THE PRESIDENT
FROM : Walter J. Stoessel, Jr., Acting Secretary
SUBJECT : French Participation in International
Force for Beirut

The French have formally replied to the request of the Lebanese government and Mitterrand has answered your letter calling for a positive French decision. Translations of both messages are attached.

To be honest, the French response is far from crystal clear. The language they use contains ambiguities and apparent preconditions.

The French Ambassador here has given us his personal interpretation -- based on his telephone conversations with Paris -- that the French decision amounts to acceptance of a role in the international force if two key elements are in place

(1) PLO agreement to French participation (we also will require this)

(2) An expression of consent by the UN.

The second point is of course the problem. The French Ambassador's interpretation is that if the UN would send observers to Beirut, this would be regarded as an "expression of consent" in the eyes of the French. The French Ambassador in Beirut has given Phil Habib the same interpretation.

To avoid Soviet obstructionism, our plan continues to be simply to notify the Secretary General of our decision to participate in the force and to invite him to supply UN observers. It will not be easy to do this while avoiding formal Security Council action and a Soviet veto. We plan quietly to sound out the Secretary General as to how he would proceed to deal with our notification and invitation. We will encourage him simply to receive our notification and agree to send observers (he may decide he must informally

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consult with Security Council members on the observer question). These particular observers in a sense "belong to the Secretary General" and can be deployed by him without formal UNSC action. This course of action could provide a useful team of observers, avoid Soviet mischief, and satisfy France's desire for UN approbation. Needless to say, there are many pitfalls and the whole delicate scheme could be thrown out of balance.

While trying to manage the French aspect, we are continuing to talk to the Italians about participation. So far they seem basically positive and far less particular about the UN than the French. We hope to receive the Italian decision Monday.

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