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From the Private Secretary

6 October 1986

You kindly sent me the letter to the Prime Minister from M. Chirac inviting the Prince and Princess of Wales to visit France, which the French Ambassador left with the Foreign Secretary on 3 October. I should be grateful for advice on how this invitation should be conveyed to the Prince and Princess of Wales and, if appropriate, for a draft letter from the Prime Minister.

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(CHARLES POWELL)

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C.R. Budd, Esq.,
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30th September, 1986

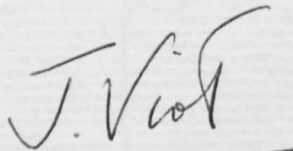
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Dear Prime Minister,

I have now received through the diplomatic bag the enclosed letter addressed to you by Monsieur Jacques Chirac, Premier Ministre.

You will remember that the text of this letter was sent to you on Wednesday 24th September.

Yours sincerely,



Jacques VIOT

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.,
Prime Minister,
10, Downing Street,
London, S.W.1.

Le Premier Ministre

Madame le Premier Ministre,

Je tiens à vous mettre au courant d'un problème de personne dont l'importance ne vous échappera pas et que M. BALLADUR a déjà évoqué auprès du Chancelier de l' Echiquier.

Jacques de LAROSIERE vient de nous faire part de son intention de quitter la Direction Générale du Fonds Monétaire International dans les mois qui viennent. Il considère en effet qu'il est de l'intérêt de l'Institution de procéder à partir de maintenant au renouvellement du Directeur Général : à ses yeux l'ouverture de sa succession dans la dernière année de son mandat (de mai 1987 à mai 1988) risque de porter préjudice à l'efficacité de l'action du "managing director".

Le Fonds s'apprête en particulier à aborder à partir du début de 1987 la négociation quinquennale du relèvement des quote-parts. M. de LAROSIERE pense que cette négociation, qui durera au moins trois ans, devrait être engagée par l'homme qui aura la responsabilité future de l'Institution.

Je sais que vous attachez beaucoup d'importance, comme moi, à cette fonction de responsable du FMI, surtout dans la conjoncture présente. Il est essentiel de trouver un candidat de très haute qualité.

A cet égard, parcourant les noms possibles pour cette importante fonction, j'ai songé pour ma part à Michel CAMDESSUS, le Gouverneur de la Banque de France, ancien président du Comité Monétaire européen, et ancien président du Club de Paris, dont l'autorité internationale est grande, notamment auprès des pays en voie de développement, et qui me paraît avoir toutes les qualités nécessaires de rigueur, d'intelligence et de compétence.

J'ajoute qu'il me paraît avoir également les qualités humaines qu'il faut pour traiter les problèmes délicats qui se posent à cette grande Institution internationale.

Je me suis assuré que Michel CAMDESSUS était prêt à assumer ces très importantes responsabilités si un consensus était réuni sur son nom.

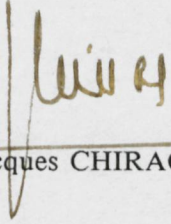
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Madame Margaret THATCHER
Premier Ministre
du Royaume-Uni

Je tenais absolument, avant la réunion de Washington où se retrouveront nos Ministres des Finances, à m'ouvrir auprès de vous de cette question qui me tient à coeur.

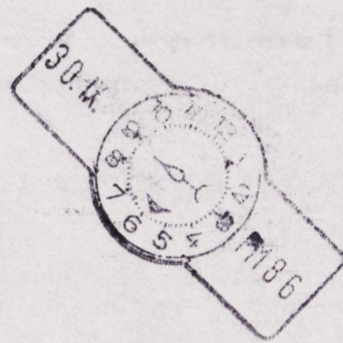
J'adresse le même message à M. Bettino CRAXI et à M. Helmut KOHL.

Veillez agréer, Madame le Premier Ministre, l'expression de ma haute considération, *de vos respectueux hommages*
et de mon très cordial souvenir.


Jacques CHIRAC

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From the Private Secretary

23 October, 1986.

**POSSIBLE VISIT TO FRANCE
BY THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES**

Thank you for your letter of 23 October about the invitation to the Prince and Princess of Wales to visit France. The Prime Minister will reply to Monsieur Chirac in the terms you propose. I agree that Sir Patrick Wright should forward the invitation to Their Royal Highnesses' Household, and that we should try to obtain their agreement in principle to a visit in time for the Prime Minister to inform the French Government at the time of the bilateral summit.

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23 October 1986

Dear Charles,

Possible Visits to France by
TRH The Prince & Princess of Wales

Thank you for your letter of 6 October about the letter from M. Chirac to the Prime Minister inviting Their Royal Highnesses to visit France.

This is not a new initiative: background rests with Tony Galsworthy's letter of 16 June. Chirac's current invitation appears to be the formal follow-up foreshadowed in that letter. Since June the Royal Visits Committee (RVC) has endorsed the recommendation that Their Royal Highnesses visit France in 1988, and the Embassy in Paris are working on an outline programme to be discussed at the next RVC meeting at the end of the year. But there is nothing new to say to the French yet. I suggest therefore that the Prime Minister send for the moment only a brief acknowledgment to Chirac (I enclose a draft); that Sir Patrick Wright, who is already in touch with Their Royal Highnesses' household about this visit, forward the invitation to Sir John Riddell; and that we aim to secure Their Royal Highnesses' agreement in principle to visit France in 1988 in time for the Prime Minister to give the news to the French at the bilateral Summit on 21 November.

Yours ever,

Colin Budd

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Prime Minister

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M. Jacques Chirac

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Thank you for your letter of 30 September conveying the French Government's most cordial invitation to Their Royal Highnesses The Prince and Princess of Wales to pay an official visit to France.

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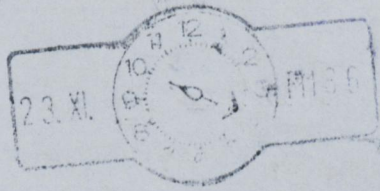
I know that Their Royal Highnesses look forward to making such a visit and agree with you that it would serve as a conspicuous demonstration of the ^{very} ~~ever~~ close links of friendship ^{between} ~~which~~ bind our two countries. Their Royal Highnesses hope to respond to your invitation as soon as consideration of their future programme permits.

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16 June 1986

Dear Charles,

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Prime Minister
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Visit to France of The Prince & Princess of Wales

You will recall (enclosure to your letter of 26 April) that M. Chirac told the Prime Minister at Chequers that he intended to invite The Prince and Princess of Wales to visit France.

The French Ambassador subsequently called on Sir Antony Acland to explore the possibilities. M. Viot said that the French Government would like the visit to take place in spring 1987 but that they could be flexible over dates, as the visit was not timed to coincide with any particular French events.

We have consulted Buckingham Palace. They have confirmed that The Prince and Princess of Wales look forward to visiting France in due course, but that it will not be possible to arrange a major visit of the kind envisaged by the French Government before 1988 at the earliest. Their Royal Highnesses have, however, agreed to attend ceremonies to mark the 900th Anniversary of the death of William the Conqueror in Caen in September 1987.

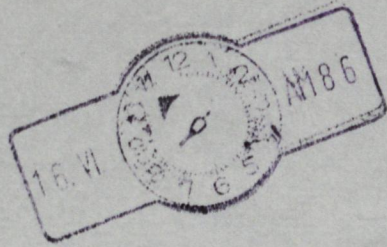
Sir Antony Acland has told the French Ambassador of Their Royal Highnesses' response. I enclose a copy of a telegram informing Sir John Fretwell. You will see that it was agreed that M. Chirac would probably write to the Prime Minister with a formal invitation.

Yours ever,
Tony Galsworthy

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CLARKE'S LETTER OF 9 JUNE TO MACRAE: POSSIBLE VISIT TO FRANCE BY THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES

1. THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR CALLED ON THE PUS THIS AFTERNOON TO DISCUSS THE FRENCH PRIME MINISTER'S INVITATION TO THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES TO VISIT FRANCE, WHICH M. CHIRAC HAD MENTIONED TO THE PRIME MINISTER AT CHEQUERS ON 26 APRIL AND ABOUT WHICH M. VIOT HAD TELEPHONED THE PUS ON 12 MAY.

2. THE PUS SAID THAT THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES WERE IMMENSELY GRATEFUL FOR THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT'S INVITATION. THEY WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO ACCEPT IT WHEN THEIR PROGRAMME ALLOWED. AS M. VIOT KNEW, THEIR PLANS FOR VISITS TO FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES TENDED TO BE FIXED A VERY LONG TIME IN ADVANCE. REGRETTABLY, THE REALITY WAS THAT A SUBSTANTIAL VISIT TO FRANCE OF THE KIND ENVISAGED BY THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE UNTIL 1988. THEY DID, HOWEVER, PLAN TO PAY A SHORT VISIT TO CAEN IN SEPTEMBER 1987 IN CONNEXION WITH THE 900TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF WILLIAM I.

3. M. VIOT TOOK CAREFUL NOTE. HE WELL UNDERSTOOD HOW FAR IN ADVANCE THE WALESES' PROGRAMME TENDED TO BE COMMITTED. ALTHOUGH

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M. CHIRAC HAD HAD THE SPRING OR SUMMER 1987 IN MIND, THIS WAS NOT A VERY PRECISE DATE. AN ADDITIONAL FACTOR WAS THE FRENCH PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. HE WOULD REPORT TO PARIS.

4. IN CONCLUSIO IT WAS AGREED THAT M. CHIRAC WOULD PROBABLY NOW WRITETHE PRIME MINISTER, CONFIRMING THE INVITATION WHICH HE HAD CONVEYED AT CHEQUERS, BUT TAKING ACCOUNT OF THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALESSES' LIKELY COMMITMENTS.

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MR DEREK THOMAS

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