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4 February 1982

Dear John,

Franco-British Council

In your letter of 1 February you asked about M Mauroy's plans for his visit to the UK in May.

M Mauroy is expected to arrive in Edinburgh during Saturday 15 May in time to attend the Conference dinner, with the Prime Minister, that evening. He then plans to spend a day relaxing in Scotland before travelling down to London either on the night of Sunday 16 May or the morning of Monday 17 May. He has accepted the Prime Minister's original offer of talks on Monday 17 May (Michael Alexander's letter of 30 October) but despite repeated enquiries by our Embassy in Paris he has not yet said whether he will be able to stay for dinner. It would help elicit a response if the Prime Minister were to send M Mauroy a personal invitation: I enclose a suggested draft which the Embassy could pass on. If M Mauroy cannot stay for dinner, the Prime Minister may wish to consider offering him lunch.

The Franco-British Council, in consultation with the French Consul-General in Edinburgh and the Scottish Office, are considering a programme for M Mauroy in Scotland, including accommodation. When we know when M Mauroy plans to arrive in London, we shall discuss arrangements with the French Embassy on the basis of any views the Prime Minister may have.

I shall let you know as and when M Mauroy's intentions become clearer.

Yours ever,

(F N Richards)
Private Secretary

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Monsieur Pierre Mauroy
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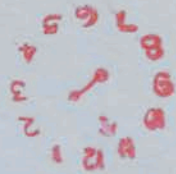
I was very pleased to learn that we shall both be attending the Conference in Edinburgh ^{in May} which is being arranged by the Franco-British Council. I am confident that the Conference will both mark and contribute to that deepening of the relations between France and Britain to which our two governments are committed.

It would give me great pleasure personally, as well as contributing further to this purpose, if you were able to come to London on Monday, 17 May for talks at Downing Street. I gather that you are in principle free to do so. *I very much hope that I may also have the* ~~I quite understand that you would wish to return to Paris that night, but hope that you can delay your departure long enough to be my guest at dinner that evening.~~

Enclosures—flag(s).....

you visit.
I ~~very much~~ look forward to ~~welcoming you to this country.~~

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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

1 February 1982

FRANCO/BRITISH COUNCIL

on C/A file

Please refer to my letter to you dated 22 December 1981 about the visit of M. Mauroy.

It would now be helpful to have as much detail as is at present available about M. Mauroy's plans for his visit to Edinburgh for the Franco/British Council and his subsequent visit to London. You should know that the Secretary of State for Scotland has made certain suggestions regarding the possible accommodation of both M. Mauroy and the Prime Minister in Scotland on the night of Saturday, 15 May. Before considering these we need to know where M. Mauroy intends to spend the weekend following the Franco/British Council dinner on 15 May and whether any arrangement has yet been made for his accommodation. I look forward to hearing from you in the next two or three days.

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A. J. COLES

F. N. Richards, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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10 DOWNING STREET

Caroline

pl. send duty book to show
you my latest letter to F/C.O.
saying what Sir P. de Z expects
the S.R. to do.

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~~Nin Dove~~ Alan - noted & papers
returned Key 29/1
Thanks -
Key We have some
papers please return

Alan Presumably you have
the later papers on this. If
so, shouldn't they be amalgamated?

Key

to me & I will amalgamate
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France

Miss Stephens es. 23/1

Mauroy has accepted talks on 17 May (in London). He has been offered dinner by the P.M. on that day but has not yet replied. The F/C.O will write in due course.

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TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 1φ5 OF 27 JAN 82

M. MAUROY'S VISIT TO LONDON

1. AGEFI (A SMALL-CIRCULATION FINANCIAL DAILY) AND LE QUOTIDIEN HAVE CARRIED VERY BRIEF REPORTS THAT M. MAUROY WILL HAVE TALKS IN LONDON ON 17 MAY WITH THE PRIME MINISTER FOLLOWING THE EDINBURGH MEETING OF THE FRANCO/BRITISH COUNCIL WHICH BOTH MRS THATCHER AND M. MAUROY WILL ATTEND.

2. FROM EMBASSY ENQUIRIES AT THE MATIGNON AND THE QUAI, IT APPEARS THAT THIS NEWS MAY HAVE BEEN LEAKED BY SENATOR PONTILLON ON HIS RETURN YESTERDAY FROM LONDON. IT HAS BEEN PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE FOR SOME TIME THAT BOTH PRIME MINISTERS HOPED TO ATTEND THE EDINBURGH MEETING. THE NEW ELEMENT IN THE REPORTS IS THE MEETING IN LONDON ON 17 MAY. I SUGGEST THAT NO. 1φ AND NEWS DEPARTMENT SHOULD CONFIRM, WHEN ASKED, THAT THERE WILL BE TALKS BETWEEN M. MAUROY AND MRS THATCHER IN LONDON ON 17 MAY, BUT THEY COULD SAY THAT A FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE NEARER THE TIME. THE QUAI ARE RECOMMENDING TO THE MATIGNON THAT THIS LINE SHOULD BE TAKEN HERE WITH THE FRENCH PRESS.

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Notes of a meeting held at the Hotel Matignon - Paris
on Thursday, 22nd October, 1981.

Present: M. le Sénateur Robert Pontillon, Chairman, French Section. = RP
Sir Philip de Zulueta, Chairman, British Section. = PZ
Mr. James Hadley, Director, British Section.

1) French Section

Monsieur Pontillon said that there would be some changes in the parliamentary representation: he hoped to add some trade union members to the Section as well as some business/economic members, some of whom might lead towards the field of Anglo-French joint ventures, etc.

2) British Section

Sir Philip de Zulueta reported that Mr. Tom McNally, M.P. had joined the British Section when he was a Labour Party M.P. but was now a member of the S.D.P. As, however, Monsieur Pontillon had known him for a long time, it was proposed not to ask Mr. McNally to resign but to ask Sir Anthony Royle to discuss the situation with the Labour M.P.s. Mr. Andrew Faulds, M.P., and Mr. Giles Radice, M.P. were members of the Labour Party as was Lord Strabolgi.

3) Joint Meeting

The idea was floated of a joint meeting of the two Sections (probably in London) some time around mid to end January, 1982. Date to be decided as soon as possible.

4) Edinburgh Conference

A) It was agreed that the global theme would be that of how common approaches to our problems could be developed within the framework of the E.E.C. (without, however, trespassing upon inter-governmental issues). A possible general theme could be, 'the problems caused by the world recession and discuss means of overcoming them'.

B) Programmes (all times approximate)

Friday, 14th May.

1600 Opening Plenary Session

Two introductory speeches.

Sir Philip de Zulueta (PZ)

Sénateur Pontillon (RP)

(Short duration: 4/5 minutes each)

Two important, descriptive speeches touching upon all the problems to be discussed during the Seminar. PZ to discuss with Sir A. Royle. RP to consult.

1800 Reception by Scottish Office - Castle

2030 City of Edinburgh Dinner -

Possible speeches by both Foreign Secretaries (?).

Agreed | PZ to approach Lord Carrington and RP M. Cheysson.

Saturday, 15th May - Working Sessions

0900 - 1200 Committee Sessions

1200 - 1500 Luncheon and break

1500 - 1800 Committee Sessions

2000 Official dinner for Prime Ministers at Hopetoun House.

Introduction PZ

Speech 1. Monsieur Pierre Mauroy (?) *arrival*

Response 2. Mrs. M. Thatcher *? stay at Park House*

Thanks RP

*in Victoria
Rt. Hon.*

Sunday, 16th May - Closing Plenary Session

0945 Procession of Judges etc. to St. Giles Cathedral

1000 Plenary Session (see below)

1200 Luncheon - Prestonfield House.

It was agreed that an element of 'stage management' would be very helpful - PZ to sound out Sir Robin Day.

Each Committee would present its report (either by the Chairman or Rapporteurs) and after each report, question, answer and comment (say maximum 30 minutes for each Committee).

C) Working Committees (one introductory document)

The following broad subjects were agreed:

A) The French and British external relations, in particular:-

- 1) The EEC
- 2) East-West
- 3) North-South

PZ said he hoped to persuade Lord Soames to be the British Chairman.

B) Preoccupations of and cooperation between Britain and France in the economic and social spheres or sectors, e.g.

- 1) industry and joint ventures and investment requirements
- 2) research and development
- 3) agriculture and food processing industries
- 4) worker participation

PZ said Sir Derek Ezra had volunteered to be the British Chairman.

C) The British-French approach to the problem of decentralisation and regional autonomy in local government.

RA Gausson

In this instance two introductory documents laying out the very different stages of development in each country would be required.

D) The impact of modern means of communications on Anglo-French cultural relations, e.g.

- 1) Books and Newspapers
- 2) Radio and Television
- 3) Cinema
- 4) Cultural Exchanges

The Committee would also consider the point made in the 'Rigaud' report of the Fontevraud Seminar, including satellite broadcasting, 'informatique', etc.

PZ said that Lord Thomson had agreed to be the British Chairman.

D) Chairmen - Rapporteurs

- ✓ 1) It was agreed that neither RP nor PZ would chair Committees.
- ✓ 2) A British and French Chairman for each Committee would be most helpful.
- ✓ 3) Only one rapporteur was required for each Committee and either he, or one of the Chairmen, would report at the closing Plenary Session as well as producing the introductory document by 1st March, 1982.

- 4) The following nationalities for the rapporteurs were agreed:-

Committee A	British
Committee B	British
Committee C	French
Committee D	French

E) Delegates

- 1) Agreed to limit actual delegates to 60 per country (including such members of the Commission as seemed appropriate).

- 2) Possible categories of delegates:-

i) Politicians and ministerial

RP hoped to involve up to ten Ministers. *fcs. 15. 26/11/80*

ii) Senior civil servants

PZ said he would consider inviting the heads of the F.C.O., Treasury, Cabinet Office and Dept. of Industry. *e. Trade*

iii) Industrialists, financiers

iv) Press, Radio, T.V., Academics

F) Protocol

RP and PZ would have to be available to meet the Prime Ministers when they arrived in Edinburgh. ✓

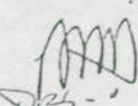
G) Wives

Would be invited but not encouraged. Delegates would pay for transport of wives and pay extra hotel costs. Wives would, however, be invited to the main meals and a ladies programme would be arranged for Saturday, May 15. This plan paralleled that arranged for Bordeaux in 1980. ✓

FRANCO-BRITISH COUNCIL: FINANCIAL POSITION

<u>Year</u>	<u>Ordinary Budget</u>	<u>Conference Budget</u>	<u>Total</u>
1979/80	£19,000	£8,000 (Bordeaux)	£27,000
1980/81	£16,000	£29,000 (Bordeaux and Edinburgh)	£45,000
1981/82 (estimate)	£26,000	£21,000 (Edinburgh)	£47,000
1982/83 (estimate)	£28,400	£31,600 (Edinburgh)	£60,000

The Edinburgh Conference budget is probably under-estimated by about £5,000.

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Miss Moyse, PA/Sir A Acland

1. *cf* Mr. Britt, Finance Dept.
Mr. Vetter
- for comments overleaf.

2. *J. M. A. 9/12*

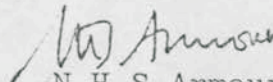
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SIR A ACLAND'S LUNCH WITH MR AND MRS JAMES HADLEY OF THE FRANCO-BRITISH COUNCIL: 1 DECEMBER

1. You asked for briefing for the lunch with Mr Hadley. Mr Hadley will wish to make his number with Sir A Acland and also pick his brains on the future activities of the Council (as well as seek support for increased funding). Sir A Acland may also be invited to attend the Council's Conference in Edinburgh on 14-16 May 1982 (draft programme attached).
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2. The Council was set up after The Queen's State Visit to France in 1972 as a vehicle for the improvement of Anglo-French relations. It is entirely funded by the two governments (financial details for the British Section attached) but is privately run. The Head of WED sits in on sessions of the British Section as an Observer. The importance of the Council's role has been emphasised by President Mitterand and the Prime Minister. A new French Chairman, M Pontillon, has been appointed.
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3. Mr Hadley has been busy trying to draw up criteria for the Council's work beyond the Edinburgh Conference for submission to the British Chairman, Sir Philip de Zulueta. The latter agreed with the Secretary of State that the Council should continue on much the same lines as before. Mr Hadley's view (which we broadly share) is that top level Conferences should continue to be held every two years but perhaps at a less prestigious level (eg Koenigswinter). The twice yearly specialist seminars should continue. The FBC should continue to entertain visiting VIPs. Specialist groups might be formed within the Council to monitor, for example, industrial activities, communications and culture. The FBC support for other Franco-British activities might be expanded. The FBC should establish itself more widely as a point of reference for those interested or involved in Franco-British relations. The Director expects that the continued financing of these activities might be a problem and is, for example, enquiring about possible charitable status for the FBC. We have encouraged the Council to look for private sources of finance other than the FCO but we cannot expect much outside help in the present economic circumstances.
4. Sir P de Zulueta called on the Secretary of State on 25 November and on the PUS earlier in the month. Mr Hadley has also called recently on the PUS and gave lunch to Mr Hurd in early October. Mr Hurd attended part of the Council's spring seminar on 'La Relance Industrielle'.
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5. Sir A Acland should also know that Mr Hadley has been associated with the Franco-British Council for some time as its Honorary Secretary. The need to prepare for the Edinburgh Conference has necessitated his more formal appointment as Director. He draws appropriate emoluments from the FCO's grant-in-aid to the Council; they represent a substantial portion of its budget.


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cc Mr Vereker

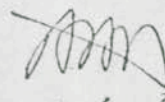
Mr. Armour
WED

Thank you for this brief.

I do not think that Mr. Hadley said anything new. He went over the background of the Franco British Council and plans for the Edinburgh meeting.

2. He did talk quite a bit about finance and his main worry seems to relate to what will happen after the Edinburgh meeting has taken place. He clearly hopes to get his own position on a more regular basis. I understand that this is under active consideration.

3. My immediate impression was that the Council serves a very worthy aim of trying to improve communications between the British and French at various levels and in various walks of life. I am inclined to think that it should be high on the list of those non-governmental organisations which we support with FCO funds.



(Antony Acland)
2 December, 1981.