

PRIME MINISTER

VISIT OF M. MAUROY

We have heard from M. Mauroy that he thinks it would be inappropriate for him to participate in the talks between yourself and President Mitterrand on Monday, 17 May. Mauroy therefore proposes to return direct to Paris from Edinburgh on 16 May. He hopes that this will not cause you any inconvenience.

We will therefore cancel the lunch that had been planned for M. Mauroy. President Mitterrand has suggested that he should arrive at noon on the Monday for talks before lunch and over a working lunch. Agree that we may plan on this basis? *Yes*

Mauroy would still appreciate an opportunity for a private talk with you and has suggested that an hour's discussion might be fitted in after dinner in Edinburgh on Saturday, 15 May. I am inclined to think that you will want to fly back to London as soon as dinner is over. Agree that we should suggest an hour's talks before dinner?

*Yes*  
*not*

*A. J. C. 16/5*

10 May 1982