

Prime Minister

- (1) NAKASONE is meeting the other major leaders and clearly wants a meeting with you

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- (2) A meeting with MITTERRAND would be crucial for the budget prospects at Stuttgart.

29 April 1983

Agree that we make provisional arrangements for both? They can always be cancelled later if necessary. A.J.C. 3/5.

Yes
no

Dear John,

Prime Minister's Bilateral Meetings at the Williamsburg Summit

The Embassy in Tokyo have reported that the Japanese would clearly like to engineer a bilateral meeting between Mr Nakasone and the Prime Minister in the margins of the Williamsburg Summit.

The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary sees merit in the idea. Mrs Thatcher did not meet Mr Nakasone in Japan last September. Since he took office in November he has taken a much greater interest than his predecessor in international affairs. A bilateral meeting at Williamsburg would clearly be a useful opportunity for the Prime Minister to build on her earlier visit and to reinforce our general message that we would like Japan to accept greater international responsibilities arising from her economic success.

This also raises the question of whether the Prime Minister would be in favour of any other bilateral meetings at Williamsburg. The Prime Minister has had no bilateral meeting with President Mitterrand since the last Anglo-French Summit on 4-5 November. Williamsburg would be an opportunity to pick up the threads. A wide range of issues could usefully be raised with President Mitterrand in addition to those related to Williamsburg.

The timing of the bilaterals will have to be investigated. It may be possible to fit in a bilateral with Mr Nakasone on the morning of Saturday, 28 May if he will be in Washington by then. The only time apart from breakfasts for bilaterals during the Summit appears to be between the press briefing and the State banquet on Monday, 30 May.

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I should be grateful to know whether the Prime Minister would agree in principle to bilateral meetings with Mr Nakasone and President Mitterrand and whether she would like any other bilateral meetings to be arranged. We do not at the moment see the need to recommend meetings with Chancellor Kohl, Mr Fanfani or M. Thorn, but this may have to be looked at again nearer the time, given that the Stuttgart European Council will take place only a week after Williamsburg.

I am copying this letter to Richard Hatfield in Sir Robert Armstrong's office.

*Yours ever,
John*

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From the Private Secretary

4 May 1983

Williamsburg : Bilateral Meetings

Thank you for your letter of 29 April.

In principle, the Prime Minister would like to have bilateral meetings with President Mitterrand and Mr. Nakasone during the Williamsburg Summit. At this stage she does not want any other bilateral meetings to be arranged.

I should be grateful if you could take soundings about the possibility of meetings with the French President and the Japanese Prime Minister. Could we keep in touch about timing? If possible, we should try to arrange for the meetings to take place before the end of the morning session on Monday, 30 May.

I am copying this letter to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

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YOUR TELNO 201: WILLIAMSBURG - BILATERAL WITH MR NAKASONE

1. MR NAKASONE WOULD BE FREE FOR A BILATERAL FROM 1700-1730 ON SATURDAY. THE JAPANESE HOPE THAT THIS TIME WILL BE CONFIRMED. THEY WOULD EXPECT MR NAKASONE AS THE JUNIOR PRIME MINISTER TO CALL ON MRS THATCHER AND THEIR PRESENT PLANNING IS THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD ACCOMPANY HIM.
2. BRIEFING HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR MR NAKASONE TO COVER THE OVERALL ANGLO-JAPANESE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP, BOTH POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC, AND SUMMIT QUESTIONS. THERE IS NO PARTICULAR SUBJECT THAT MR NAKASONE WILL WANT TO RAISE WITH THE PRIME MINISTER.

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WILLIAMSBURG : BILATERALS

Robin told me that you did not want to spend an hour with President Mitterrand because this would take up too much of the time which you wish to devote to the British press.

I have therefore agreed with the Elysee that your talk with Mitterrand will last from 1720 until 1800 on Sunday. This will give nearly 90 minutes before your departure at 1930 which we can devote entirely to the media (including some individual interviews which Bernard could arrange).

We are still keeping Mr. Fanfani at bay but Mr. Nakasone very much wants to call on you briefly at 1700 hours on Saturday. This would be before your talk with Kohl at 1730 and President Reagan at 1820. May I now confirm that Mr. Nakasone can call on you?

→ Can it not be done on Saturday afternoon or evening?

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From the Private Secretary

25 May, 1983

Williamsburg: Bilateral with Mr. Nakasone

Thank you for your letter of 20 May.

I should be grateful if a message on the following lines could be conveyed to the Japanese.

The Prime Minister is greatly looking forward to meeting Mr. Nakasone at Williamsburg and would much like a bilateral meeting. Unfortunately, her stay in Williamsburg will be very short since she arrives on Saturday afternoon and leaves little more than 24 hours later. The only possibility we see at present for a bilateral is from 1700-1730 on Saturday. Would this be possible in principle for Mr. Nakasone - if so, we shall seek the Prime Minister's agreement to a firm arrangement. If this timing is not possible, the Prime Minister's staff will see on arrival in Williamsburg whether any other time is possible. The Prime Minister will, in any case, hope to have a good talk with Mr. Nakasone in the margins of the Summit.

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A.J.C. $\frac{24}{5}$ *John John,*Williamsburg: Bilateral with Mr Nakasone

You mentioned in the penultimate paragraph of your letter to Brian Fall of 17 May that the Prime Minister would wish to consider in due course whether she could also manage a bilateral with Mr Nakasone at Williamsburg.

I should record that the Japanese Ambassador telephoned Lord Belstead yesterday to convey his Prime Minister's strong wish that a time should be found for a very short bilateral with Mrs Thatcher. The Ambassador pointed out that Nakasone speaks excellent English, which would avoid the delays involved in interpretation. Lord Belstead undertook to ensure that this was conveyed to you. The Embassy have also approached the Department at official level with the same message.

We have told the Embassy that we will let them have a reply as soon as possible.

Yours on
R B Bone

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