

PRIME MINISTER

Bilaterals during the Economic Summit

You said earlier that you would like to see President Reagan, Mr. Nakasone and Mr. Mulroney. You would see Signor Craxi if there was a good reason.

Mr. Mulroney is now coming to London before the Summit, so no need for a bilateral. There is no good reason to see Signor Craxi. But President Mitterrand has now asked for a bilateral.

President Reagan

Oliver Wright's advice is that you should make a firm bid, making clear the issues to be covered. They seem to me to be the traditional ones: SDI, Geneva negotiations, the Middle East, Central America and the US economy. You might perhaps add South Africa, nuclear ship visits to New Zealand, Mr. Gandhi's forthcoming visit to Washington and the negotiations with Garret FitzGerald.

The Americans have suggested that the only available time is likely to be after the press conference and before the final dinner. This would make it impossible to discuss Summit issues in the bilateral. An alternative might be as soon as you arrive on 2 May. We might put this as first choice but fall back on 4 May if that is the only alternative. (I assume incidentally that you will want to see him alone with a note-taker and without the Foreign Secretary etc.)

Yes
Yes

President Mitterrand

The French have proposed 6.30/7.30 pm on the second day. I suggest that you agree to this. The main purpose might be to discuss the Future of the European Community (on which you are meeting Chancellor Kohl on 18 May).

Yes
no

Mr. Nakasone

I suggest that we fit this in at a time not pre-empted by President Reagan or President Mitterrand.

Agree?

Yes
no

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