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From the Private Secretary

16 April 1985

Bilaterals during the Bonn Economic Summit

Thank you for your letter of 16 April about bilaterals at the Bonn Economic Summit.

The Prime Minister would like to see President Reagan, Mr Nakasone and President Mitterrand in that order of priority.

The Prime Minister would prefer to see President Reagan before the Summit starts if possible. Her preferred time would be between her arrival at 1600 on 2 May and Chancellor Kohl's reception at 1830. If this is not possible for the President, she would reluctantly agree to a meeting after the press conference on 4 May. The subjects which the Prime Minister would wish to discuss are SDI, the Geneva negotiations, the Middle East, Central America, US economy and South Africa. She might also touch on nuclear ship visits to New Zealand, Mr Gandhi's forthcoming visit to the US and Ireland. She would intend to see the President alone with a note-taker only. I should be grateful if an early proposal could be put to the Americans.

The timing of a meeting with Mr Nakasone can only be settled once we have fixed the meeting with President Reagan. I doubt that there will be enough time for two bilaterals between the Press Conference and dinner on 4 May: so if President Reagan opts for that, we shall have to look for another time for Nakasone, perhaps a breakfast meeting.

The Prime Minister agrees to a bilateral with President Mitterrand between 1830/1930 on 3 May provided it is in the Palais Schaumburg. Again she would want to see him alone with a note-taker only.

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