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From the Private Secretary

ANGLO-FRENCH SUMMIT

The French Ambassador telephoned me on 24 October to confirm that M. Chirac would like to offer the Prime Minister a working supper on 21 November. M. Chirac fully understood that the Prime Minister wanted to get back to London that evening. He therefore proposed that the supper should start at 1900 and be over by 2100 at the latest, allowing the Prime Minister to take of for London at 2130.

The Prime Minister is prepared to agree to this and I have so informed M. de Nanteuil.

Subsequently M. Bujon in M. Chirac's office has spoken to me to say that the supper would probably be just for the two Heads of Government with notetakers (as in the case of the Chequers lunch). This equally would be acceptable to the Prime Minister.

This has some implications for the timing of the remainder of the Summit. M. Chirac appears to envisage his bilateral with the Prime Minister taking place in the late afternoon. In that case there should be no need for such an early start in the morning. You will no doubt ask HM Ambassador Paris to recast the programme with this in mind, and propose some detailed timings.

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