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May 18, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: JAMES M. RENTSCHLER

SUBJECT: Congressional Liaison Alert: Senator Tower

Ms. Connie Hilliard in Senator Tower's office called, and asked for some background information on the French election, what implications it had for us, etc. I gave her a full briefing on May 13, hewing closely to your backgrounder. She was most appreciative and said that her Senator would be, too.

cc: Max Friedersdorf

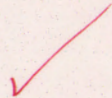
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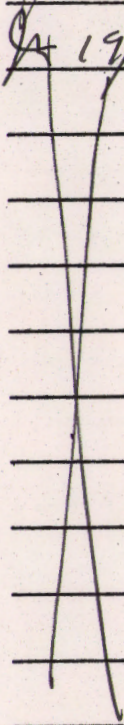
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May 26, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE VICE PRESIDENT  
From: Alexander M. Haig, Jr. *(Signature)*  
Subject: U.S.-French Contacts

As I mentioned to you on the phone, we have received the attached information from Schmidt about his talks in France. In light of this, I think we should right away invite Cheysson here as a first step to open formal contacts with the new French Government. We would then arrange for your meeting with Mitterrand at a mutually convenient time after the second round of French elections, now scheduled for June 21.

Attachment:

As stated.

bcc: Messrs. Meese, Allen, Deaver

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May 26, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

FROM: EUR - Lawrence S. Eagleburger (X 4)

SUBJECT: Contacts with the French

Bill Woessner, our Charge in Bonn, has just given me a short telephone precis of the German debriefing on Schmidt's visit to Paris. With regard to USG contacts with the French, Schmidt's discussion was brief. At one point during the Mitterrand-Schmidt discussion, the French asked about USG views on the new French Government. Schmidt replied that it was clear from his visit here that there were a number of "unanswered questions" about future French policies, and that the USG was "unsure" of how to make contacts with the new French officials. Schmidt went on to say that he found the Americans anxious to establish contact soon in order to learn more precisely the GOF's plans for the future.

According to the German debrief to Woessner, the new French Foreign Minister Cheysson said that he would welcome a chance to see you soon.

Although Schmidt apparently touched only briefly on the question of USG-GOF early contacts, it is evident that the French have clearly latched on to the point. As I told you, Hartman called me yesterday to say that Cheysson had called him suggesting that the easiest way to arrive at agreement with you on the initiation of contacts was for you to call Cheysson directly.

More important, the French Ambassador here (de Laboulaye) has just come in to see me. He has clearly heard from Paris about the Schmidt proposal and has apparently received indications from Cheysson as to how the Foreign Minister would like to proceed. De Laboulaye told me that Mitterrand himself, the Prime Minister, and the Finance Minister are all anxious that Cheysson come to Washington for conversations with you and senior economic officials. According to de Laboulaye, Cheysson would hope for an invitation "within the next few days" and would like to aim for a visit on the 4th, 5th, or 8th of June.

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De Laboulaye said the handling of such an invitation is very important. He suggested that the best way to proceed would be for him to report to Paris that you had told him that you thought it important that personal contact be made with Cheysson at an early date, but that unfortunately you were leaving for the Far East around the 10th of June, and would be pleased if it were possible for Cheysson to come here before that time. It is apparent from what de Laboulaye said to me that the GOF is getting more than a little nervous about capital flight, the stock market, and the weakening franc. Thus, it seems that Cheysson wants to do something about that here in Washington as well as begin contacts with you.

Given the above, I now want to revise my thinking on how we handle the Vice President's visit to Mitterrand. Apparently, the French preference is to come to Washington, probably as much because of the economic problems as anything else. I suspect, however, that Cheysson and Mitterrand also worry about your visibility in Paris prior to the Parliamentary elections. De Laboulaye told me, for example, that Cheysson was very "touchy" about being charged by the Right with taking instructions from Washington and that it was for this reason we had to be very careful about how we invited the gentleman to the U.S. Obviously, the cover of discussions with economic officials here provides him with ammunition against such a charge. It is thus possible that a suggestion of a visit to Paris at this time by you, much less by the Vice President, would receive a negative reply.

Under the circumstances, I recommend that we proceed as de Laboulaye suggests -- invite Cheysson to come to Washington late next week for discussions with you and senior economic officials. When Cheysson is here, assuming he comes, we should propose to the Foreign Minister that the Vice President visit Paris, after the second round of Parliamentary elections, for conversations with President Mitterrand on the future of US-French bilateral relations.



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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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June 4, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN *RA*

SUBJECT: Briefing Materials for Meeting with Minister for External Relations Cheysson, Claude  
Friday, June 5, 2:45 p.m.

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Attached are the briefing materials prepared by the State Department. Since your meeting with Cheysson will follow that of the President, the agenda will be flexible. I know that you will wish to sound Cheysson on the French approach to the Ottawa Summit, and he will be equally anxious to hear your views. Early indications are that the Socialists and Mitterrand incline more toward Canadian views than our own on the importance of and approaches to North-South relations. *(et)*

On the subject of possible participation of communists in a Mitterrand government, Secretary Haig will be informing Cheysson frankly that we don't like the idea. The President, if the subject comes up, will be saying more diplomatically that we are "watching the formation of the French government with interest." You will probably wish to adopt more the President's tone if the subject comes up in your meeting. Most analysts feel that Mitterrand will have a difficult time forming a legislative majority without communist participation, much as he would like to. *(et)*

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**  
**BRIEFING PAPER**

Visit of French Foreign  
Minister Claude Cheysson  
June 4-7, 1981

**I. Setting and Objectives**

Mitterrand's election has brought a period of uncertainty for France. His policies will be determined largely by the outcome of the legislative elections June 14 and 21. He will adjust to the left or right depending on the coalition he forms to obtain a majority in the National Assembly. One possibility is a coalition with the Communists, which would clearly have a negative effect on the quality of our relations with France.

Regardless of the composition of the French Government, French policy cooperation on a broad range of world issues will be important to us. Cheysson's early visit to Washington shows that Mitterrand also wants -- and needs -- good relations with us. Cheysson will want to reassure you that there will be continuity in French policies and that the Socialist government will act responsibly. He will hope that his visit demonstrates to the French electorate Washington's acceptance of Mitterrand. We want to establish a productive dialogue between our two governments, to influence the formulation of French policies, and to convey privately our concern that US-French relations will suffer if Mitterrand includes Communists in his government.

Your meeting will complement Cheysson's meetings with the President and Secretaries Haig and Baldrige. It should add to his understanding of our interest in good relations with France and our views on key issues. It will also be an opportunity to express interest in an early visit to Paris.

Your objective will be:

1. Establish a productive dialogue.
2. Influence developing French policies on key issues.

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3. Explain our views on economic policy and the Ottawa Summit.
4. Express interest in an early visit to Paris.

## II. Issues

### 1. Productive Dialogue

We want to establish close cooperative relations with the new French government. We wish to consult bilaterally, within the private four-power forum, and in larger groupings such as NATO. A long-term French socialist relationship with "national liberation" movements could lead to conflicts with us in such third world areas as Southern Africa and Central America.

#### Talking Points

-- French and US interests are largely parallel; cooperation is mutually beneficial and we hope to continue and expand it.

-- We fully respect French independence. We will consider French views, and ask that they consider ours.

-- We also want to consult on policies in third world areas where our views may differ, such as Central America and Southern Africa.

### 2. East-West Relations

We need a broad understanding with the French on relations with the USSR, including defense, Poland, Afghanistan, arms control, technology transfer and East-West economic relations in general.

#### Talking Points

-- East-West relations are the most important area for US-French cooperation.

-- We do not seek precise agreement on all specific aspects, but without general agreement between us, the Western position will be divided and weak. This will clearly require continuing consultations between policy officials.

3. Economic Policy

Mitterrand's economic policies conflict with ours in a number of areas: (e.g. nationalization may affect some US interests, wage increases could lead to monetary instability and protectionism).

Talking Points

-- Explain our economic policies of budget cuts, tax reductions, and deregulation; stress our attachment to free trade. We would like to know more about the French economic program, and may want to discuss some aspects. We hope for close contact between the appropriate officials to avert possible conflicts.

4. Ottawa Summit

The July 19-21 Summit will be a unique opportunity to exchange views on economic issues -- particularly macroeconomic subjects, trade, east-West economic relations, energy, and relations with developing nations. The President will set the stage the first evening with a general presentation of economic, political and strategic considerations.

Talking Points

-- We look forward to the Ottawa Summit as an opportunity for the heads of government, foreign ministers, and finance ministers to get to know each other better and have a candid exchange.

-- Economic issues will dominate -- with focus on macroeconomic questions, East-West economic relations, trade, energy, and relations with developing nations.

-- We expect informal discussion of timely political issues -- because representatives of most Summit nations have expressed interest and because political factors affect economic questions (and vice versa).

-- We welcome your views on economic or political subjects that deserve attention.

5. Visit to Paris

The President is considering asking you to visit Paris to establish contact with President Mitterrand and Prime Minister Mauroy, following the French legislative elections, if mutually convenient dates can be found. We do not want to pin this visit down until we know whether or not communists will be included in the new French government. To be useful, your visit should come before the Ottawa Summit in late July.

Talking Points

-- I look forward to visiting Paris at a mutually convenient time after the elections and formation of the new government. The State Department will be in touch following the elections on possible dates.

III. Contingency Issues

1. Possible Communist Participation in French Government

Secretary Haig will warn Cheysson privately that inclusion of communists in the French government will have a negative effect on the quality of our relations. To mention this issue directly at a higher level could be interpreted as interference in internal French politics. Should the matter arise, you should allude to it indirectly.

Talking Points

-- We will be watching closely the formation of the French government after the elections.

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SCHEDULE FOR THE VISIT OF FRENCH  
FOREIGN MINISTER  
CLAUDE CHEYSSON

Thursday, June 4

8:45	Arrive at New York (JFK) from Paris.
11:00-12:00	Shuttle to Washington National Airport. Met by representatives of EUR and Protocol.
1:00	Lunch at French Embassy.
4:30-6:30	Meeting with Secretary Haig.

Friday, June 5

8:00	Breakfast meeting with Secretary Regan.
11:30	Meeting with Mr. Schultz, Vice Chairman Federal Reserve Board.
12:30	Luncheon hosted by Senator Percy.
2:15	Call on the President.
2:45	Call on the Vice President.
3:45	Meeting with Secretary Baldrige.
8:00	Dinner given by Ambassador de Laboulaye.

Saturday, June 6

8:15	Breakfast at French Embassy.
10:00-12:00	Meeting with Secretary Haig.
1:00	Lunch at French Embassy.
Afternoon	Free.
8:00	Black tie dinner given by Secretary Haig at the State Department.

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Sunday, June 7

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Departs Washington National for New York. Seen off by representatives of EUR and Protocol.

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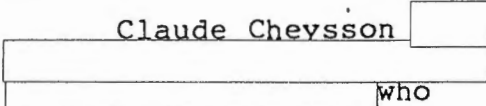
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Minister of External Relations (since 22 May 1981)

Addressed as:  
Mr. Minister



Claude Cheysson



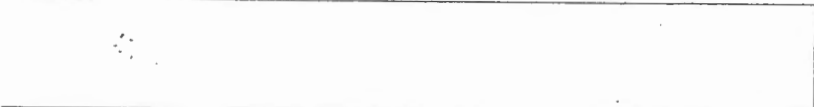
who has had 25 years' experience in the French Foreign Service and eight (1973-81) as a Commissioner of the European Communities. A Socialist Party member since 1975, he served as a close adviser to the successful Socialist candidate, François Mitterrand, during France's recent presidential campaign.

Since taking office, Cheysson has sought to reassure allies skeptical of the foreign policy of a Socialist administration by publicly stating that France will prove a "reliable partner" in the Atlantic Alliance. He has also said that France will make few changes in French ambassadors during the next several months. He specifically named the Ambassador to the United States as one who would not be moved in the near future.

As EC Commissioner

During his tenure in the EC, Cheysson was responsible for cooperation between the EC and the developing African, Caribbean and Pacific countries. He was instrumental in revising and publicizing the Lomé Convention--now called Lomé II--which extends the EC development aid program to about 60 Third World countries. Cheysson was also deeply involved in EC-Arab relations and favored a Euro-African-Arab dialogue.

As EC Commissioner, Cheysson supported US-EC cooperation and often visited the United States. He has, however, been a sharp critic of US policy in the Third World. He strongly disagrees with US support for the Government of El Salvador. In a



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recent public statement, he seemed to give assurances of French diplomatic support for African liberation movements. Cheysson was completely against the economic boycott that the United States initiated against the USSR after the invasion of Afghanistan in December 1979. He claimed that food was not a political weapon and that the world therefore had nothing to gain from the disruption of commercial networks or from a food shortage. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] He himself claimed that if Western countries continued to work with leftist regimes, they could influence those regimes to become more sympathetic toward the West. Cheysson stated that in evaluating a country's progress he looked beyond words and labels to the effort displayed by a government to change the economic situation of the nation. [REDACTED]

#### Career

After graduating from the prestigious National School for Administration, Cheysson entered the foreign service in 1948. He held assignments in Palestine and Bonn before going to Saigon in 1952 to be an adviser to the President of South Vietnam. Subsequently, as a principal adviser to Prime Minister Pierre Mendès-France during 1954-55, Cheysson participated in the negotiations that led to the French withdrawal from Indochina. Over the next 10 years he was involved in African affairs at the Foreign Ministry. From 1966 until 1970 Cheysson was Ambassador to Indonesia. During 1970-73 he was president of the board of the state-owned chemical and fertilizer companies. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Married three times, Cheysson, 61, has six children, one under 2 years old. He is also a grandfather. He speaks excellent English. [REDACTED]

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François LEFEBVRE DE LABOULAYE

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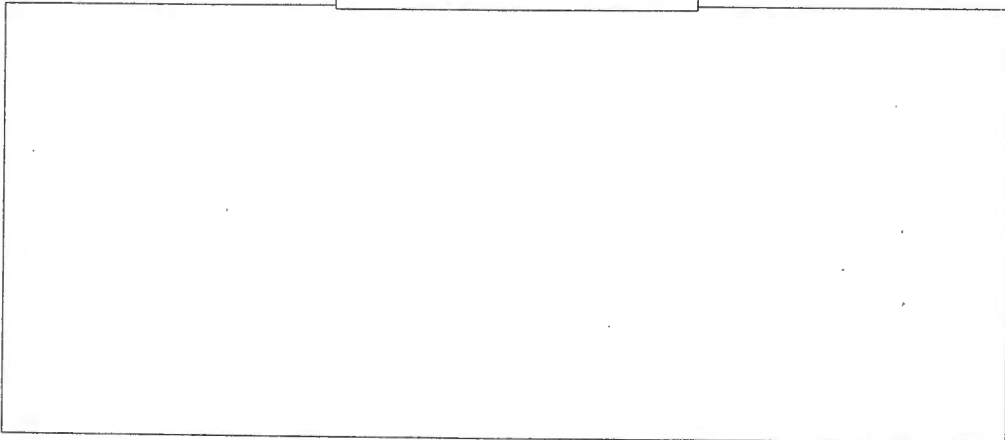
Ambassador to the United States (since November 1977)

Addressed as:  
Mr. Ambassador



Born and educated in Washington, and counselor of embassy here during 1954-57, François de Laboulaye has followed in the footsteps of his diplomat father, André, who was Ambassador to the United States during 1933-37.

[redacted] diplomat with more than 30 years of experience, De Laboulaye has served on four continents. He held previous ambassadorial assignments in Brazil (1968-72) and Japan (1972-75) and was Minister-Counselor in the USSR (1962-65). Before coming to Washington, he wielded considerable power as director of political affairs in the Foreign Ministry (1975-77). Well versed in French as well as international affairs, De Laboulaye has been the popular mayor of his hometown of Saint-Saëns since 1959, a post he has held even while serving abroad. [redacted]



De Laboulaye was educated in law and political science and subsequently saw military service during World War II. Married, he has four children and at least six grandchildren. The Ambassador, 63, enjoys tennis, golf and hunting. [redacted]

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French

Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson  
Ambassador Francois de Laboulaye

US

The Vice President  
Secretary Haig  
Assistant Secretary of State Lawrence S. Eagleburger  
Ambassador Arthur A. Hartman  
Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs  
Richard V. Allen  
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June 3, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

SIGNED

THROUGH: CHARLES P. TYSON *CP*

FROM: DENNIS *DB* FAIR

SUBJECT: Briefing Materials for the Vice President's Meeting with Cheysson, Friday, June 5, 1981

State has sent over good briefing materials for the Vice President's meeting, emphasizing preparations for the Ottawa Summit. I have added a cover memorandum from you explaining the approach we are taking on the question of communist participation in the government. ~~(C)~~

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum to the Vice President at Tab I.

Approve        *✓ DB/4*

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- Tab I Memo to Vice President
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. RICHARD V. ALLEN  
THE WHITE HOUSE

**Subject: The Vice President's Meeting with French Foreign Minister**

Attached are briefing materials for the Vice President's meeting with French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson, which has been requested for June 5 or 6.

L. Paul Bremer III  
Executive Secretary

**Attachments:**

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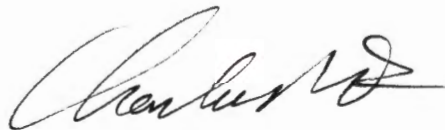
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MEMORANDUM FOR L. PAUL BREMER III  
Executive Secretariat  
The Department of State

SUBJECT: The Vice President's Meeting  
with French Foreign Minister  
Claude Cheysson

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Thanks.



Charles P. Tyson

cc: Rentschler

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AMBASSADOR HARTMAN:

PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM THE  
VICE PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER MAURDY.

(BEGIN TEXT)

MAY 22, 1981

DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

IT IS WITH PLEASURE THAT I CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR NOMINATION  
AS PRIME MINISTER OF FRANCE. I AM CONFIDENT THAT YOUR BROAD  
EXPERIENCE WILL ENABLE YOU TO ENGAGE THE TREMENDOUS RESOURCES  
OF FRANCE AND THE FRENCH PEOPLE TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF THE  
COMPLEX WORLD IN WHICH WE LIVE. YOU HAVE MY SUPPORT AND BEST WISHES  
FOR EVERY SUCCESS AS FRANCE CONTINUES ITS EFFORTS TO BUILD A MORE  
SECURE, PEACEFUL AND PROSPEROUS WORLD.

GEORGE BUSH

HIS EXCELLENCY  
PIERRE MAURDY  
PRIME MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF FRANCE  
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May 22, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM: DENNIS BLAIR *DB*

SUBJECT: Proposed Congratulatory Messages to  
Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy from the  
President and Vice President

On the occasion of Pierre Mauroy's nomination as Prime Minister of France yesterday, State has sent over congratulatory messages for the President and Vice President to send.

Speechwriters have approved the President's message.

The Vice President has approved the message at Tab II. It is ready for transmission once the President's message has been approved.

The President's and Vice President's messages to President Mitterrand congratulating him on his inauguration have been sent this morning.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you approve the message at Tab I for transmission by the Situation Room to Embassy Paris.

Approve *DB* Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

- Tab I Proposed Presidential message
- Tab II Approved Vice Presidential Message
- Tab III Incoming State messages



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May 21, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. RICHARD V. ALLEN  
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Congratulatory Messages to new  
French Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy

Attached are draft messages from President Reagan  
and Vice President Bush, congratulating the new French  
Prime Minister on his nomination.

L. Paul Bremer, III  
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

Draft Congratulatory Messages  
to New French Prime Minister

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Draft Message from Vice President Bush to New French Prime  
Minister Pierre Mauroy

Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

It is with pleasure that I congratulate you on your nomination as Prime Minister of France. I am confident that your broad experience will enable you to engage the tremendous resources of France and the French people to meet the challenges of the complex world in which we live. You have my support and best wishes for every success as you continue France's leading role in building a more peaceful and prosperous world.

George Bush

His Excellency  
Pierre Mauroy,  
Prime Minister of the  
French Republic,  
Paris.

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June 2, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

FROM: RICHARD V. ALLEN *RVA*

SUBJECT: Meeting with French Minister for External Relations  
Claude Cheysson

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State has forwarded the attached request that you schedule a separate meeting with Minister Cheysson immediately prior to his meeting with the President, now set for Friday, June 5, at 2:30 p.m.

I concur with State's request -. I know you will be especially interested in Cheysson's perception of the Ottawa Summit, in addition to hearing his views on other French - American issues.

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Thanks.



Charles P. Tyson

cc: Rentschler

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June 2, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR ALLEN LENZ

FROM: Nancy Bearg Dyke *ND*

SUBJECT: Vice President's Meeting with French Foreign  
Minister Claude Cheysson

The Vice President will meet with French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson on Friday, June 5, from ~~1:00~~ <sup>1:45</sup> - ~~2:30~~ <sup>3:15</sup> p.m. in the Roosevelt Room of the White House. May we please have recommended talking points and background papers for the Vice President's use by close of business, Wednesday, June 3. Thank you.





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May 30, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. RICHARD V. ALLEN  
THE WHITE HOUSE

SUBJECT: Visit to Washington by French Foreign  
Minister

We have now agreed with the French on a visit  
to Washington by Foreign Minister Cheysson June 4-6.

Since we have to be careful to give Cheysson  
treatment equal to what we offered Francois-Poncet  
last February, the Department hopes the Vice  
President will be able to see Cheysson for a half-  
hour sometime on June 5 or 6. If possible, the  
Department recommends that Cheysson's meeting with  
the Vice President be immediately before his call  
on the President, which has been requested by a  
separate memorandum.

*John H. Kelly*  
L. Paul Bremer, III  
for Executive Secretary

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June 1, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

THROUGH: CHARLES P. TYSON *cm*

FROM: DENNIS BLAIR *DB*

SUBJECT: Meeting of the Vice President with Minister Cheysson

State has requested (Tab A) that the Vice President schedule a separate meeting with Cheysson, immediately preceding the President's meeting. This follows the precedent of two White House meetings during the Francois-Poncet visit, but reverses the order.

Attached for your signature at Tab I is a memorandum forwarding and endorsing State's request.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the memorandum at Tab I.

Approve *Bud* Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_  
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Attachments:

- Tab I Memo to the Vice President
- A State Memorandum

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Chuck -

I called the France desk officer, and the briefing memo for the President's meeting will be here tomorrow. I told them to include press talking points.

Here is the memo on the ~~XX~~ VP's visit - I wrote it as if the 2:30 Friday time on the President's calendar were firm. If that changes, you will have to change the memo to the VP

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
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June 9, 1981

Dear Mr. Dillon:

Thank you for your letter regarding the new Mitterand government in France as it relates to the proposed meeting between President Reagan and President Mitterant on October 19th in Yorktown.

I have taken the liberty of passing your correspondence on to Mr. Richard Allen, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs.

I appreciate your interest and for making me aware of your concerns.

Again, thank you.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL K. DEEVER  
Assistant to the President  
Deputy Chief of Staff

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France-American Detente:

Topic: The Yorktown Bicentennial

May 24, 1981

The Honorable  
Michael Deaver  
The White House

Dear Mr. Deaver,

I am delighted to be reading about your attention to details, those vital pieces of a mosaic that add up to make "the big picture."

As a believer in self-government and the duty of citizens to help public servants with some of those small details, I wish to pass on this bit of information about the new Mitterand government in France as it relates to the proposed meeting between President Reagan and President Mitterand on October 19th in Yorktown.

A person close to Monsieur Mitterand, whose name is Badinter, has told Ronald Koven, the outgoing Washington Post correspondent in Paris, that Mitterand is very eager to establish good working relations with the Reagan administration, and by extension the people of our republic. I was told this last night by telephone.

Mitterand is eager to use the Yorktown Bicentennial as a framework within which to make statements of ~~his~~ his views on the enduring interdependence of the two nations, from the 1781 coup de grace the French naval and land forces gave to Cornwallis' troops up through the NATO relationship. Whether he speaks at Yorktown in October, en route to the North-South summit meeting in Mexico, or in a toast to President Reagan the night of October 20th at the White House, Mitterand wants to come out with some Yorktown rhetoric, even from a podium at home. The implication, from what I understand Badinter to say, is that President Reagan might be poised to incorporate the Yorktown symbols in any communications he may have with Mitterand.

William J. Casey, who visited Ambassador Arthur Hartman not long ago in Paris, can attest to the importance the French are attaching to the Yorktown observance. These celebrations of two centuries of time are potent in a tradition-minded culture like France, history being more powerful than the current new variations on the theme of socialism. (Melvin Laird, in recent conversations with Chancellor Schmidt, came up with a sanguine view of the Mitterand regime, despite the loss of Schmidt's special friend, Giscard).

Cordially,

*Wilton S. Dillon*

Wilton S. Dillon

Fellow

American Anthropological Association

PS Carroll Leggett of Hannaford will attend a June 1 citizens' meeting on Yorktown planning at the Smithsonian.

Tentative Agenda for June 1, 1981, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

AD HOC MEETING OF CITIZENS AT WORK ON YORKTOWN BICENTENNIAL OBSERVANCE

A public service of the Smithsonian Institution

Wilson Center Library  
Third Floor  
Original Smithsonian Building  
1000 Jefferson Drive, S.W.

Chair: S. Dillon Ripley

THE PARTICIPATION OF FRANCE

Remarks by His Excellency François de Laboulaye, Ambassador of France to the United States (or his representative)

THE PREPARATIONS AT YORKTOWN

Briefing (with slides) by Capt. Randall Young (USN Ret.)  
Director, Virginia Independence Bicentennial Commission  
(30 minutes)

THE FEDERAL ROLE

Remarks by the Secretary of the Army and representatives of the Departments of State and of the Interior

YORKTOWN, WASHINGTON, AND THE NATION: THE INDEPENDENT SECTOR

Reports on programs envisaged by various voluntary associations and institutions (5 minutes each)

- A. "The October 14 Gala at Constitution Hall," sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution, Mrs. Robert Lacey Jackson, Chairman, National Bicentennial Committee of the D.A.R.
- B. "The Resources of Anderson House," by representative of John S. du Mont, President-General of the Society of the Cincinnati
- C. "The Work of the Rochambeau-Lafayette Society," Dr. Herbert Stein-Schneider
- D. "The Alliance Française," Prof. James LaFollette, Georgetown University
- E. "Prospects at the Smithsonian," S. Dillon Ripley