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SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

DATE:

FROM: Richard V. Allen 3300 VIA: Michael Deaver

MEETING:

French Foreign Minister Jean François-Poncet

DATE:

Wednesday, February 25, 1981

(French prefer a.m., but anytime up to 4:00 p.m.

feasible). (C)

PURPOSE:

To pay brief courtesy call on you and discuss U.S.-

French relations, mutual foreign policy concerns. (C)

FORMAT:

-- The Oval Office

-- Foreign Minister François-Poncet, Secretary Haig,

Mr. Allen, French Ambassador de Laboulaye

-- 15 minutes (U)

CABINET PARTICIPATION:

Secretary Haig

SPEECH MATERIAL:

Talking points, background paper, will be provided

by NSC (U)

PRESS COVERAGE:

-- Meeting will be announced.

-- Photo opportunity. (U)

STAFF:

Mr. Allen; Mr. Rentschler (NSC Staff Member)

RECOMMEND:

Department of State

OPPOSED:

None.

PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: Unknown.

BACKGROUND:

François-Poncet is the guest of Secretary Haig, who has organized a full program of substantive meetings between the Foreign Minister and key cabinet officials, including Secretaries Weinberger, Baldrige and Edwards. A brief meeting with François-Poncet at this early point in your Administration will underscore your interest in U.S.-French relations and ongoing consultations with a

key Western ally. (C)

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Review February 2, 1987.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 29, 1981

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FROM:

RICHARD V. ALLEN

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

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SUBJECT:

Mitterrand's September 24 Press Conference

French President François Mitterrand conducted the first full-scale press conference of his Presidency Thursday afternoon. Though unsurprisingly weighted in favor of pushing and explaining his own domestic economic program (in particular his nationalization and taxation proposals), Mitterrand's public remarks included some foreign policy themes of direct relevance to our own concerns. Moreover, an analysis of the complete text of his delivery supports the view that in significant areas French leadership views remain close to American.

Since the talks you will have with Mitterrand in Yorktown/ Williamsburg are now less than a month away, you might care to focus on the following specific elements of his Thursday statements, all of them likely to figure directly or indirectly in the issues you two will discuss:

- France's role. Sounding a familiar Gaullist chord, Mitterrand put his press remarks in the overall context of French national and international destiny, noting that the country must continue to serve as a beacon for those who aspire to freedom in line with "its duties and lessons of its history."
- Alliance solidarity. Mitterrand repledged French allegiance to the Western alliance and mentioned you by name, emphasizing that this subject was "not the least useful" which you and he took up in Ottawa.
- East-West relations. Along with his pean of pro-Alliance support, Mitterrand dealt at some length with the East-West equation and made these interesting points:
 - -- though asserting the necessity of an independent French nuclear deterrent, he called again referring to his earlier "cry of alarm" for resolute Western measures to counter the "excessive" Soviet buildup of SS-20s;
 - -- he sees maximum danger for the West from this buildup following 1985, at which point the strategic equilibrium "risks being broken in such a way that the Soviet Union will have increased power at its disposal;"
 - -- in its own dealings with the Soviets, he emphasized that France "does not mistake pacificism for peace."

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- Arms control/disarmament. Along with his other comments on the subject of East-West relations, Mitterrand makes clear that, though supporting the idea of theatre arms negotiations, France itself will stand aloof from them and disavows the doctrine of graduated response (he dealt sharply with a journalist who quizzed him on France's neutron weapon, suggesting that the questioner did not know the facts of national security life).
- Franco-American relations. He referred bitingly to a French newspaper charge that he was "shacking up" with the U.S., implicitly defending his alliance with us, and again -- in accents reminiscent of de Gaulle -- suggesting that the newspaper in question was simply all wet ("my logic is that of my country, is that of France, which does not have to shack up with anyone").

Not all of Mitterrand's remarks, of course, were as positive as the above excerpts. On questions relating to Europe, for example, he spoke strongly in favor of a "joint" community foreign policy, the implication being that Europe needed to be more authoritative in its dealings with the U.S. on international issues -- Middle East, Southern Africa, etc. -- and achieve greater independence. On the specific issue of the Middle East, while less assertive than his Foreign Minister at the UNGA in New York earlier this week, he nonetheless distanced himself a bit from his previous support for the Camp David process, noting its "limitations" and terming the eight-point proposal which Saudi Prince Fahd took up with Mitterrand in Paris as "one of the most positive elements of these past years."

On balance, Mitterrand's performance was solidly compatible with many of our own most important interests.

You can expect him to exploit his time with you at Yorktown to the maximum.

cc: Ed Meese Jim Baker Mike Deaver

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTION

September 25, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM:

JAMES M. RENTSCHLER

SUBJECT:

Mitterrand Press Conference

As you requested, attached is a two-page summary for the President's weekend reading covering French President François Mitterrand's Thursday press conference in Paris, the first since he assumed office. I used FBIS material and press reports, checking these against the original French text extracted from the French Embassy.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memo to the President at Tab I.

Approve

Disapprove

Dennis Blair CC:

> Dick Pipes Bob Schweitzer Geoff Kemp

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Tab I - Memo to President

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cc: Ed Meese Jim Baker Much Nove

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July 17, 1981

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MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM:

JAMES M. RENTSCHLER

SUBJECT:

Deaver/Allen Meeting with de Laboulaye

(Friday, July 17 - 3 p.m.)

Your memo to Mike Deaver (Tab I) conveys relevant talking points for the 3 p.m. meeting today with French Ambassador François de Laboulaye. Though nobody has confirmed it, I assume the meeting reference is the Ottawa Summit (if not, the attached material is pretty much irrelevant).

Henry Nau concurs.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the memo to Deaver at Tab I.

Approve As Amended

cc: Chuck Tyson

Tab I Memo to Mike Deaver

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WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR MICHAEL K. DEAVER

FROM:

RICHARD V. ALLEN

SUBJECT:

Meeting with French Ambassador François de Laboulaye (U)

(Friday, July 17 - 3 p.m.)

Along with anything else he might have on his mind, de Laboulaye will want to walk through the Sunday bilateral between the President and Mitterrand in Ottawa. In general, you can confirm that the main purpose of that exchange from our point of view resides in the President's desire to initiate a personal relationship with the new French leader and to build upon the contacts which Vice President Bush established with Mitterrand in Paris last month.

De Laboulaye may well raise the issue of the Yorktown celebration in October and the status of a possible State Visit invitation to Mitterrand on that occasion. As you know, Al Haig favors a visit and dinner in Washington, which I understand is virtually a non-starter. A compromise fallback position might be the scheduling of a smallish dinner in Williamsburg (7 miles from Yorktown) which both Presidents could attend. In any case, it would be useful if you were able to close on this question should de Laboulaye bring it up. On other subjects inside and outside the Summit de Laboulaye can be left with the following points:

Summit-Related Areas

- -- The President feels strongly about the need for this Summit to be upbeat, to project a message of Western unity and self-confidence; (U)
- -- We understand, from a message which the President received from Helmut Schmidt, that both Schmidt and President Mitterrand concur in the need for an optimistic outcome;
- -- The President recognizes French concerns over high interest rates and the effect of franc depreciation on the price of French imports, particularly oil; (U)
- -- At the same time, we hope the French will understand that high interest rates are as painful to Americans as to Europeans and that we must persevere in the effort to bring down inflation or risk far more serious consequences in both our economies; (U)
- -- The U.S. approach to developing countries will be positive; we share with France the concern for beneficial economic and social change in the Third World, as reflected in the President's Caribbean Basin initiative;

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Review on July 17, 1987



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- -- In that context, the President will seek full French understanding for our policies in Central America, of which the Caribbean Basin initiative is a significant component; (C)
- -- The President looks forward to Cancun and will listen carefully to what the less developed countries have to say (it will not be a negotiating session); (C)
- -- We are interested in reducing European dependence on Soviet energy and will be prepared to help develop alternative coal and nuclear sources; (c)
- -- The President will seek French support for a high-level COCOM meeting. (C)

Other Issues

- -- We seek close French cooperation and consultation in meeting the Soviet strategic challenge;
- -- In that context, the President appreciates President Mitterrand's forthright public statements in support of TNF; (C)
- -- The President also appreciates Mitterrand's support for the Camp David framework in the Middle East;
- -- (If raised) the President understands Mitterrand's rationale for admitting Communists to his cabinet but feels that the U.S. must continue to be concerned by Communist influence in any allied government.

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May 14, 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR RICHARD V. ALLEN

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Mitterrand's Ten

Sam Pisar, in our recent meeting, reeled off ten names of men close to Mitterrand. Attached are bios of these men, annotated with Pisar's comments. You may wish to have this handy as we proceed in working out relations with the new French government.

Tab A Bios

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MEMORANDUM FOR MICHAEL K. DEAVER

FROM:

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT:

Summary of Michael K. Deaver's Meeting

with French Ambassador François de Laboulaye

PARTICIPANTS:

Deputy Chief of Staff and Assistant to

the President Michael K. Deaver

NSC Senior Staff Member James Rentschler

French Ambassador to the U.S. François de Laboulaye

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DATE, TIME

July 17, 1981

AND PLACE: 3:10-3:45 p.m., Mr. Deaver's White House Office

At his request, Ambassador de Laboulaye called on Mr. Deaver to enquire about two subjects; the character of the bilateral meeting to be held July 19 between Presidents Reagan and Mitterrand; and the status of the preparations for the October 18-19 Yorktown celebrations. (U)

Concerning the Ottawa bilateral, Mr. Deaver indicated that the meeting would be general in character and that President Reagan was primarily interested in getting to know President Mitterrand. There might be some discussion covering each President's views on major issues - e.g., the economy, East-West relations, the scope of the French nationalization program, etc. - but this would likely be done in broad terms; we were anticipating nothing in the way of detailed "bargaining sessions".

On the Yorktown celebration, Mr. Deaver said he favored the use of an historic building in Williamsburg where the President could have a moderate-sized dinner, (approximately 60 people) on Sunday, October 18. The idea was to have the arrangements as informal and as protocol-free as possible. Mr. Deaver noted that, much as we would like to do so, the briefing requirements for the Cancun meeting and other preparations did not allow us to schedule a dinner for President Mitterrand in Washington during that period.

Ambassador de Laboulaye described his interest in "taking care" of his President on October 19th and wondered if we would see any problem in inviting the Vice President to a small dinner in Washington. He added that, while President Mitterrand was not protocol-minded, it was necessary to ensure that no ill-intentioned gossip developed over such arrangements.

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Mr. Deaver said that although he could not speak for the Vice President's schedule, he thought such arrangements were perfectly acceptable from our point of view. At Ambassador de Laboulaye's suggestion, Mr. Deaver said he would be happy to look into the possibility of scheduling a substantive meeting between the two Presidents in Williamsburg/Yorktown. He also confirmed that the U.S. side would not be expecting the French to host a return dinner in Williamsburg.

In concluding the meeting, Mr. Deaver presented the Ambassador with some bottles of California wine (Jordan Valley) to take back to the Embassy as a follow-up to the discussion he had had there with Jean d'Amécourt, one of de Laboulaye's young staffers. (U)

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JAMES M. RENTSCHLER

SUBJECT:

Deaver/de Laboulaye Memcon

Your memo to Mike Deaver at Tab I transmits a memorandum of conversation summarizing his meeting earlier today with French Ambassador François de Laboulaye.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you forward the memo, at Tab I to Mike Deaver.

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