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3. draft letter	Reagan to Mitterrand, 1p D - #182	nd	P1/F1
4. draft letter	Reagan to Mitterrand, 1p D - #183	nd	P1/F1
5. draft letter	Reagan to Mitterrand, 2p D - #184	nd	P1/F1
6. draft letter	Reagan to Mitterrand (annotated), 1p D - #185	nd	P1/F1
7. memo	Blair to Clark re: letter to Mitterrand, 1p D - #186	5/25/83	P1/F1
8. letter	Mitterrand to Reagan (translation), 3p D - #187	5/25/83	P1/F1
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KEYWORDS: FRANCE

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SUBJECT: REPLY TO MITTERRAND LTR RE INVITATION TO GANDHI

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SUBJECT: PRES REPLY TO MITTERRAND LTR RE WILLIAMSBURG SUMMIT ISSUES

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APRIL 24, 1983

DEAR FRANCOIS:

I APPRECIATE YOUR PROMPT RESPONSE TO MY LETTER ON THE EAST-WEST ECONOMIC STUDIES AND HOW WE VIEW THE STUDIES IN THE PREPARATIONS FOR AND AT THE WILLIAMSBURG SUMMIT. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT IF WE AND OUR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH OVER THE COURSE OF THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS, WE CAN HANDLE THIS ISSUE TO OUR MUTUAL SATISFACTION.

I UNDERSTAND YOUR WISH NOT TO RUSH THE MULTILATERAL STUDIES WHICH WE COMMISSIONED LAST YEAR, AND WE AGREE COMPLETELY THAT INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES SHOULD DECIDE ON THEIR OWN POLICIES IN THESE AREAS TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE RESULTS OF THE STUDIES. MY CONCERN IS THAT WE MAKE SUFFICIENT PROGRESS TOWARDS OUR COMMON OBJECTIVES IN THE DISCUSSIONS WHICH WILL BE TAKING PLACE BETWEEN NOW AND WILLIAMSBURG, MOST IMPORTANTLY IN THE COCOM HIGH-LEVEL MEETING AND IN THE IEA AND OECD MINISTERIALS. IF WE DO SO, ALONG THE LINES OUTLINED IN MY PREVIOUS LETTER, IT WILL BE NECESSARY ONLY TO NOTE THIS PROGRESS AT THE WILLIAMSBURG SUMMIT.

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IT IS AT EACH OF THE MEETINGS BETWEEN NOW AND THE SUMMIT THAT MY REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE WORKING TO ACHIEVE CONSENSUS ON THE STUDY CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IN EACH OF THE AREAS OUTLINED IN MY PREVIOUS LETTER AND IN THE USEFUL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN OUR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES IN WILLIAMSBURG LAST WEEKEND.

THE VIEWS THAT YOU AND I HAVE EXPRESSED IN OUR CORRESPONDENCE DO NOT APPEAR TO ME TO PRECLUDE AGREEMENT ON THE KEY ISSUES COMING UP IN THESE MEETINGS. I BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT OUR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES TALK WITH EACH OTHER AGAIN BEFORE THE COCOM HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON APRIL 28-29 TO ENSURE THAT WE UNDERSTAND FULLY EACH OTHER'S CONCERNS. MY REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE IN PARIS FROM APRIL 25-27 AND WILL ENDEAVOR TO MEET WITH YOURS. THEY SHOULD THEN MEET AGAIN, PERHAPS BEFORE THE OECD MINISTERIAL ON MAY 9-10. IN ADDITION, GEORGE SHULTZ WILL BE IN PARIS FOR THE MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE OECD, AND AT THE TIME IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR HIM TO MEET WITH YOU TO DISCUSS THESE MATTERS FURTHER. IT WOULD ALSO BE VALUABLE FOR HIM TO HEAR THE CONCLUSIONS YOU HAD DRAWN FROM THE TRIP TO CHINA THAT YOU WILL HAVE JUST COMPLETED.

I WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO MEET WITH YOU MYSELF BEFORE THE SUMMIT BEGINS IN WILLIAMSBURG. I HAVE KEPT OPEN FOUR DATES ON MY CALENDAR FOR SUCH A MEETING: THE 13TH, 20TH, 25TH OR 26TH OF MAY. ON ANY OF THESE DATES I WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO RECEIVE YOU IN THE WHITE HOUSE FOR A WORKING VISIT TO INCLUDE A MEETING FOLLOWED BY A WORKING LUNCH. I UNDERSTAND THAT SUCH A MEETING MIGHT BE DIFFICULT FOR YOU TO SCHEDULE, BUT I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO COME ON ONE OF THOSE DATES. IN ADDITION, I HOPE THAT YOU CAN RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES EARLY IN 1984 FOR A STATE VISIT. ALTHOUGH YOU WILL HAVE VISITED THE UNITED STATES SEVERAL TIMES, THERE WILL NOT HAVE BEEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE YOU IN WASHINGTON FOR A FULL STATE VISIT.

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YOU MENTIONED IN YOUR LETTER TWO OTHER AREAS OF CONCERN TO YOU AT THE WILLIAMSBURG SUMMIT: EMPHASIS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF NON-INFLATIONARY SUSTAINED GROWTH, AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH THIRD-WORLD COUNTRIES. THE FIRST IS AN AREA OF PRIORITY CONCERN TO ME BECAUSE I BELIEVE IT IS ONE OF THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF HELPING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. A SUSTAINED RECOVERY OF THE WORLD ECONOMY WITHOUT REIGNITING INFLATION AND SPREADING THIS RECOVERY TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THROUGH OPEN TRADE ARE CRITICAL ELEMENTS OF THE BALANCE AND REINFORCEMENT WE SEEK TO ACHIEVE AT WILLIAMSBURG AMONG DOMESTIC POLICIES AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND FINANCIAL RELATIONS. THERE ARE OTHER CRITICAL ELEMENTS OF DEVELOPMENT ABOUT WHICH WE ARE BOTH CONCERNED. I HAVE INSTRUCTED MY REPRESENTATIVE TO PREPARE THESE ISSUES CAREFULLY, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO OUR DISCUSSION OF THEM AT WILLIAMSBURG.

AGAIN, I APPRECIATED THE FRANK AND SPEEDY LETTER YOU SENT LAST WEEK. I HOPE WE CAN CONTINUE TO CORRESPOND ON THE SUBJECTS OF CONCERN TO OUR COUNTRIES. I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING WITH YOU SOON.

SINCERELY,  
RON

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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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April 23, 1983

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*MR*

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: WILLIAM P. CLARK *WPC*  
SUBJECT: Reply to President Mitterrand

Attached for your approval is a second message to President Mitterrand concerning the Williamsburg Summit. Your first letter (Tab B) said that we were willing to give the East-West economic issues low profile treatment at Williamsburg if there were concrete achievements in the multilateral studies before Williamsburg. Mitterrand's reply (Tab C) stated he was interested in such a deal but expressed certain concerns about those studies. This second letter from you acknowledges his concerns and restates our determination to achieve our objectives. The letter also invites Mitterrand here for a bilateral prior to Williamsburg and for a state visit in early 1984.

We are basically encouraged that we can work out an arrangement with the French, and this follow-up letter from you is a step in that direction.

RECOMMENDATION

OK                      NO

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— That you approve the message to Mitterrand at Tab A.

- Tab A      Draft message to President Mitterrand
- Tab B      Presidential letter to Mitterrand on April 8
- Tab C      Translation of Mitterrand letter of April 13

Prepared by:  
Dennis Blair

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Dear Francois:

I appreciate <sup>your</sup> the prompt response to my letter on the East-West economic studies and how we view the studies in the preparations for and at the Williamsburg Summit. It seems to me that if we and our personal representatives stay in close touch over the course of the next several weeks, we can handle this issue to our mutual satisfaction.

I understand your wish not to rush the multilateral studies which we commissioned last year, and we agree completely that individual countries should decide on their own policies in these areas taking into account the results of the studies. My concern is that we make sufficient progress towards our common objectives in the discussions which will be taking place between now and Williamsburg, most importantly in the COCOM high-level meeting and in the IEA and OECD Ministerials. If we do so, along the lines outlined in my previous letter, it will be necessary only to note this progress at the Williamsburg Summit.

It is at each of the meetings between now and the Summit that my representatives will be working to achieve consensus on the study conclusions and recommendations in each of the areas outlined in my previous letter and in the useful discussions between our personal representatives in Williamsburg last weekend.

The views that you and I have expressed in our correspondence do not appear to me to preclude agreement on the key issues coming up in these meetings. I believe it is important that our personal representatives talk with each other again before the COCOM high-level meeting on April 28-29 to ensure that we understand fully each other's concerns.. My representative will be in Paris from April 25-27 and will

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endeavor to meet with yours. They should then meet again, perhaps before the OECD Ministerial on May 9-10. In addition, George Shultz will be in Paris for the Ministerial Meeting of the OECD, and at that time it might be useful for him to meet with you to discuss these matters further. It would also be valuable for him to hear the conclusions you had drawn from the trip to China that you will have just completed.

I would like to be able to meet with you myself before the Summit begins in Williamsburg. I have kept open four dates on my calendar for such a meeting: the 13th, 20th, 25th or 26th of May. On any of these dates I would be delighted to receive you in the White House for a working visit to include a meeting followed by a working lunch. I understand that such a meeting might be difficult for you to schedule, but I very much hope that you would be able to come on one of those dates. In addition, I hope that you can return to the United States early in 1984 for a State visit. Although you will have visited the United States several times, there will not have been the opportunity to receive you in Washington for a full State visit.

You mentioned in your letter two other areas of concern to you at the Williamsburg Summit: emphasis on the importance of non-inflationary sustained growth, and economic relations with Third-world countries. The first is an area of priority concern to me because I believe it is one of the essential elements of helping developing countries. A sustained recovery of the world economy without reigniting inflation and spreading this recovery to developing countries through open trade are critical elements of the balance and reinforcement we seek to achieve at

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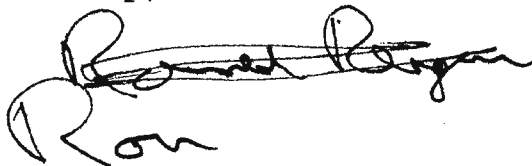
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Williamsburg among domestic policies and international trade and financial relations. There are other critical elements of development about which we are both concerned. I have instructed my representative to prepare these issues carefully, and I look forward to our discussion of them at Williamsburg.

Again, I appreciated the frank and speedy letter you sent last week. I hope we can continue to correspond on the subjects of concern to our countries. I look forward to meeting with you soon.

Sincerely,

  
Ron

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TO ELYSEE PALACE

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APRIL 8, 1983

DEAR FRANCOIS:

I HAVE FOLLOWED THE BOLD DOMESTIC ECONOMIC MEASURES ANNOUNCED BY YOUR GOVERNMENT WITH INTEREST. THEY ARE A COURAGEOUS EFFORT TO ENSURE A SUSTAINED NON-INFLATIONARY RECOVERY FOR FRANCE, AND I WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS AND GOOD FORTUNE IN THIS EFFORT.

AS THE WILLIAMSBURG SUMMIT NEARS, I WANT TO REAFFIRM OUR STRONG MUTUAL DESIRE FOR HARMONIOUS AND CONSTRUCTIVE MEETINGS TO ADDRESS THE CRUCIAL ISSUES OF GLOBAL ECONOMIC GROWTH AND PROSPERITY. IN GENERAL, I AM SATISFIED WITH PROGRESS IN PREPARATION FOR WILLIAMSBURG, AND I AM GRATEFUL FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND SUPPORT.

I HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY YOUR REPRESENTATIVE AT THE RECENT SAN DIEGO MEETING, PARTICULARLY REGARDING THE AGENDA ITEM ON EAST-WEST ECONOMIC RELATIONS. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE UNDERSTAND ONE ANOTHER FULLY ON THIS ISSUE

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AND HAVE A TIMELY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS IN ORDER TO AVOID THE POSSIBILITY OF IT AGAIN EMERGING AS A CONTENTIOUS PUBLIC ISSUE BETWEEN US. THE ISSUE IS A COMPLEX ONE AND REQUIRES CARE TO FASHION THE BEST WAY TO ADDRESS COMMON CONCERNS WHILE RESPECTING NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTIES. I AM CONFIDENT THIS BALANCE CAN BE ACHIEVED. AS I HAVE OFTEN STATED, OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH FRANCE IS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO THE UNITED STATES AND THE CAUSE OF WESTERN FREEDOM. OUR OVERRIDING COMMON INTERESTS PROVIDE US WITH THE STRENGTH AND FLEXIBILITY TO OVERCOME ANY DIFFERENCES IN APPROACH. YOUR MOST RECENT COMMUNICATION ON INF HAS ENCOURAGED ME GREATLY AND ILLUSTRATES THE DEPTH OF THESE INTERESTS. MOREOVER, I BELIEVE WE SHARE THE FUNDAMENTAL ASSESSMENT THAT OUR HEAVY DEFENSE BURDENS SHOULD NOT BE MADE MORE DIFFICULT BY OUR ECONOMIC POLICIES TOWARDS THE SOVIET UNION.

IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT YOUR FUNDAMENTAL CONCERNS ARE THESE: FIRST, THAT IN THE AREA OF EAST-WEST ECONOMIC RELATIONS WE CREATE NO NEW MULTILATERAL BODIES WHICH WILL INFRINGE ON NATIONAL DECISIONS; SECOND, THAT NO NEW MULTILATERAL WESTERN POLICIES ON EAST-WEST TRADE BE ANNOUNCED AT THE WILLIAMSBURG SUMMIT ITSELF. ON THE FIRST POINT, I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT WE ARE IN AGREEMENT. THE SECOND POINT SEEMS TO ME TO BE ONE ESSENTIALLY OF PUBLIC PRESENTATION. AS SECRETARY SHULTZ AND FOREIGN MINISTER CHEYSSON AGREED LAST YEAR, WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS TO ACCOMPLISH THE WORK ON THESE QUESTIONS IN THE APPROPRIATE BODIES OF THE OECD, IEA, COCOM AND NATO. THE WORK ACCOMPLISHED IN THESE APPROPRIATE FORA CAN AND SHOULD STAND ON ITS OWN WITHOUT UNDUE PUBLICITY AT THE SUMMIT OR THE APPEARANCE THAT THESE RESULTS HAVE EMERGED FROM THE SUMMIT ITSELF.

MY STRONG HOPE IS THAT THE WORK IN THESE OTHER BODIES WILL PROGRESS SATISFACTORILY BETWEEN NOW AND THE SUMMIT. IF THAT IS THE CASE, I ENVISION THE OUTCOME AND PUBLIC PRESENTATION OF OUR DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT AT WILLIAMSBURG TO BE QUITE LIMITED. THE HEADS WOULD ENDORSE AND ENCOURAGE THE CONCRETE PROGRESS AND PRELIMINARY RESULTS ACHIEVED IN THE OTHER INSTITUTIONS AND

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RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANT BENEFIT TO THE WEST OF THIS ON-GOING WORK.

SINCE IT IS CRITICAL THAT THE WORK IN THESE OTHER ORGANIZATIONS BE FAR ENOUGH ALONG THAT WE DO NOT HAVE TO BELABOR THESE ISSUES AT THE SUMMIT, I THOUGHT IT USEFUL TO DESCRIBE FOR YOU WHAT I ANTICIPATE CAN AND WILL BE ACHIEVED IN THE VARIOUS WORK PROGRAMS BY THE TIME OF THE WILLIAMSBURG SUMMIT:

IN COCOM, WE ARE WORKING TOWARD A CONSENSUS ON AN AGREEMENT TO IMPLEMENT IMMEDIATELY CONTROLS ON ITEMS ALREADY AGREED TO DURING THE FIRST ROUND OF THE LIST REVIEW; ON AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO CONTROL OR WATCH SO-CALLED "DISEMBODIED TECHNOLOGIES" AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES; ON EARLY AGREEMENT IN THE LIST REVIEW ON THE HIGH-PRIORITY ITEMS OF COMMUNICATIONS SWITCHING EQUIPMENT, COMPUTER HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE AND ROBOTICS; ON SEVERAL TECHNICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF BOTH NATIONAL ENFORCEMENT MEASURES AND THE COCOM SECRETARIAT; AND ON AGREEMENT TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON OTHER HIGH TECHNOLOGY ITEMS, INCLUDING OIL AND GAS EQUIPMENT.

IN THE AREA OF ENERGY SECURITY, THE CONCLUSIONS PROPOSED BY ULF LANTZKE OF THE IEA ARE FULLY SATISFACTORY TO US AND SHOULD BE THE BASIS FOR AGREEMENT BY THE IEA AND ENDORSEMENT AT THE OECD MINISTERIAL. THOSE CONCLUSIONS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST INCLUDE AN AGREEMENT TO LIMIT NON-OECD GAS IMPORTS FROM ANY ONE SUPPLIER TO 30 PERCENT OF TOTAL GAS SUPPLIES; ENCOURAGEMENT OF ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT OF MAJOR WESTERN ALTERNATIVES, ESPECIALLY THE TROLL FIELD; AND UNDERTAKING SECURITY MEASURES TO PROTECT AGAINST GAS SUPPLY DISRUPTIONS.

THE STUDY UNDERWAY IN THE NATO ECONOMIC COMMITTEE, ABLY LED BY FRANCE'S REPRESENTATIVE, IS MAKING AVAILABLE VALUABLE NEW INFORMATION ON THE SECURITY DIMENSIONS OF EAST-WEST TRADE TO GUIDE US IN FORMULATING INDEPENDENTLY OUR POLICIES IN THIS AREA IN THE FUTURE. THE NATO MINSITERIAL IN JUNE, WHICH FOLLOWS THE

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WILLIAMSBURG SUMMIT, IS EXPECTED TO DRAW IMPORTANT CONCLUSIONS FROM THIS WORK AND TO STRENGTHEN THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE ITS WORK IN THIS AREA IN THE FUTURE.

I TAKE SOME CARE IN DESCRIBING THESE ANTICIPATED RESULTS BECAUSE I WANT YOU TO KNOW MY THINKING AND TO ASK YOU TO CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE THIS WORK IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE EXPEDITIOUS RESULTS. I HAVE NO DESIRE TO ACCORD EAST-WEST ECONOMIC RELATIONS A PROMINENT POSITION IN THE SUMMIT AGENDA OR IN THE PUBLIC DISCUSSION AROUND THE SUMMIT. I AM FAR MORE CONCERNED THAT WE ACHIEVE THE REAL RESULTS BEING DEVELOPED IN THE OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. IT WOULD BENEFIT ONLY THE SOVIET UNION IF EITHER OF OUR COUNTRIES FELT IT NECESSARY TO HIGHLIGHT DIFFERENCES ON THESE ISSUES IN A PUBLIC WAY. AND THIS CAN ONLY HAPPEN IF WE FAIL TO COMMUNICATE NOW WITH CLARITY AND CANDOR ABOUT OUR EXPECTATIONS FOR THE RESULTS OF CURRENT EFFORTS IN THESE BODIES AND SPECIFIC SUBSTANTIVE CONCERNS ON PROGRESS TO BE ACHIEVED BY THE TIME OF THE SUMMIT.

IF IT IS ALSO YOUR UNDERSTANDING THAT BY MID-MAY WE WILL HAVE ACHIEVED THE SPECIFIC RESULTS I HAVE INDICATED, WE COULD AT THAT TIME AGREE UPON THE PUBLIC PRESENTATION OF THIS ISSUE IN CONNECTION WITH THE SUMMIT INCLUDING HOW WE HANDLE IT IN THE JOINT PRESS STATEMENT. A PREDETERMINED ACCORD BETWEEN US ON THE PUBLIC HANDLING OF THIS AGENDA ITEM WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY ENSURE THE OVERALL SUCCESS OF THE SUMMIT FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS AT A VITAL MOMENT IN THE WORLD'S ECONOMIC DESTINY.

I WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING YOUR VIEWS AND EXPECTATIONS ON THESE ISSUES. I ALSO HOPE THAT WE CAN MEET TOGETHER PERSONALLY PRIOR TO THE SUMMIT AND WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU SHORTLY ABOUT POSSIBLE TIME AND PLACE. I AM DETERMINED TO USE EVERY OPPORTUNITY AND RESOURCE AT MY DISPOSAL TO EXERCISE STRONG MUTUAL LEADERSHIP WITH YOU AND OUR OTHER SUMMIT PARTNERS TO ACHIEVE A UNIFIED SUMMIT THAT MARKS QUIET PROGRESS ON SECURITY-RELATED ECONOMIC ISSUES AND RALLIES PUBLIC CONFIDENCE ON THE CRUCIAL ISSUES OF ECONOMIC GROWTH AND EMPLOYMENT FOR OUR FREE SOCIETIES.

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*Mike Deaver has cleared letter to Mitterand.*



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April 21, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR WILLIAM P. CLARK

THROUGH: HENRY NAU/CHARLES TYSON

SIGNED

FROM: DENNIS BLAIR/DON FORTIER

SUBJECT: Reply to President Mitterrand

Attached for the President's approval is a second message to President Mitterrand responding to his letter of April 13.

The letter has three purposes:

- To reemphasize our expectation of concrete achievements in the upcoming COCOM, IEA and OECD meetings;
- To invite Mitterrand for a bilateral before the Summit;
- To invite him for a state visit in early 1984.

This letter has been shown to Allen Wallis who concurs with it.

RECOMMENDATION

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

Approve \_\_\_\_\_ Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_

- Tab I Memo to President
- Tab A Draft message to Mitterrand
- Tab B Presidential letter to Mitterrand on April 8
- Tab C Translation of Mitterrand letter of April 13

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## United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

April 19, 1983

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WILLIAM P. CLARK  
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Recommendation that French President Mitterrand Be Invited to Make a Pre-Williamsburg Working Visit to Washington in May, 1983, and a State Visit in Early 1984

The Department recommends that the President, as part of his pre-Williamsburg Summit consultations, invite French President Francois Mitterrand to make a working visit to Washington just prior to the Summit, possibly on Friday, May 27. The Department further recommends that in extending this invitation for a working visit, the President simultaneously invite Mitterrand to pay a state visit to Washington during the month of January, 1984.

Last year, prior to the Versailles Summit, Mitterrand consulted bilaterally with each of the Summit partners. For example, he came to Washington for lunch with the President on March 12, 1982. We understand from a variety of sources that Mitterrand would hope to be invited to meet with President Reagan bilaterally prior to Williamsburg, but given other international travel commitments it may be difficult to find a mutually convenient time. Nonetheless, while reiterating that it is not clear Mitterrand will be able to accept, the Department recommends that such an invitation be extended, along the lines of those extended to Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau and others, even as a courtesy. We know that as of now Mitterrand is planning a stop in Boston enroute Williamsburg. Should it be convenient to the President's schedule, Friday, May 27 might be a possibility when he could come to Washington for a working lunch or dinner meeting, either from Boston or in lieu of a Boston stop.

In inviting Mitterrand for a pre-Summit meeting, we recommend simultaneously extending an invitation for Mitterrand to pay a state visit to Washington early in 1984, possibly in January. Mitterrand has been in office nearly two years now and is one of the few major European leaders who has not paid a state visit to Washington. He has, of course, been here twice briefly, once on an official visit for the Yorktown Bicentennial in October, 1981 and again for a one day working visit in March, 1982. He is overdue to receive an invitation for a state visit and, we have been told, is aware of the

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fact and somewhat troubled by it. In addition, President Reagan's pre-Versailles Summit visit to Paris was technically an official visit, but the French treated it as if it were a state visit. We need to reciprocate as a matter of form and courtesy.

There is also a policy reason to warrant a state visit: to recognize Mitterrand's strong and continuing support for Western security interests. Franco-US relations fluctuate episodically. We had a difficult time last fall, and will undoubtedly have further disagreements with the French in the months to come. Nonetheless, Mitterrand has been a staunch supporter of Western security interests and throughout his tenure in office has supported the U.S. position on INF and the need for equality and balance of forces in Europe. Undeniably French national interests motivate Mitterrand's thinking, but from our point of view, his perceived support of the U.S. position strengthens our case in Europe, particularly in Germany. His expulsion of 47 Soviet intelligence agents also was clearly a major coup for Western security interests.

Finally, we believe it would be advantageous to the President to extend this invitation prior to the Williamsburg Summit. It could lay the basis for a better personal relationship that might conceivably pay dividends when we face contentious issues with the French, as we will at Williamsburg.

A suggested draft letter to Mitterrand from the President is attached for your consideration.

*Katherine Gruetz*  
Charles Hill  
Executive Secretary

Attachment

Draft Letter to Mitterrand

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PROPOSED REPLY

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Dear Francois:

As you celebrate the completion of two years as President of France, it is my pleasure to invite you to pay a state visit to Washington in early 1984. While Nancy and I very much enjoyed having you and Madame Mitterrand\* celebrate with us the Yorktown Bicentennial, and I remember well your working visit in March of 1982, we would now like to have you both visit here with the full honor of a state visit. If such a visit is possible for you, I would suggest we plan for January, 1984. If that month is not possible, I would welcome your suggestions for mutually convenient dates during the first three months of 1984.

In the meantime, I have decided that it would be useful to meet bilaterally with each of our colleagues prior to the Williamsburg Summit, much as you did before last year's meeting at Versailles. I am thus in the process of inviting our colleagues to come to Washington for a one-day working visit between now and the end of May. I realize, given your travel commitments, that such a visit may be difficult for you. However, if possible, I would like to invite you to stop in

His Excellency  
Francois Mitterrand,  
President of the French Republic,  
Paris.

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Washington on May 27 for a working lunch prior to proceeding to Williamsburg. I believe such consultations would be worthwhile and could facilitate our efforts at Williamsburg.

I look forward to hearing from you on both the possibility of your making a state visit here in 1984, and secondly, on the prospects for a pre-Williamsburg working luncheon. I also look forward to seeing you at Williamsburg.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan

\*(Danielle, if appropriate)

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. THOMAS B. CORMACK  
Executive Secretary  
Central Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT: INF Letters

Judge Clark asked that the attached letters be delivered personally to Mr. William Casey. The Judge requests that these letters be handled on an "eyes only" basis and that no copies be made.

*Robert M. Kimmitt*  
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Executive Secretary

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*Ambassade de France  
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Washington, February 10, 1984.

Dear Mr. Mc Farlane:

Please find herein the text of a message addressed to the President of the United States by Mr. François Mitterrand, President of the French Republic.

I would be most grateful to you for remitting this message to its high addressee.

With my warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,



Bernard Vernier-Palliez

The Honorable  
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