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Dear Charles,

The Sherpas met last weekend to finish their discussions on the environment and drugs. One of two points emerged of which you should be aware.

(i) Attali circulated the agenda attached - it is on the lines previously notified. The restricted meeting at 10.00 am on the second day, to agree the draft of the Political Declarations, will probably be attended by Foreign Ministers. This causes some difficulty for the Germans since their Finance Minister, who like their Chancellor and Foreign Minister is leader of a party, may feel that he should be in the room. So it is just possible that attendance at this session will be reopened. The plenary meeting on the morning of the second day will be opened by the French Finance Minister, Berezgovoy, who will report on the Finance Ministers' discussions the previous day. The subject for the Heads' Lunch on the second day is unclear - perhaps regional issues. Chancellor Kohl will lead off the discussion on the environment at the informal meeting at 18.30 that evening.

(ii) President Mitterrand is apparently unwilling to read out to the assembled journalists the text of the communique. He thinks that this simply bores all concerned. The French are therefore considering a new procedure whereby the President would make a few remarks - which Attali insists would be non-controversial - which would effectively introduce the communique and round off the Summit meetings. There is a possibility that President Bush, as the next host for the Summit, would then say a few words of thanks to President Mitterrand and invite participants to the meeting next year. I see no reason to object to any of this, if this is what transpires.

Whether President Mitterrand reads the communique or makes a few comments, he will not do this in front of the assembled journalists. He will be televised in a separate room, with the other Heads, and the journalists will receive the television feed in, I think, the National

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Briefing Rooms. The expectation is that the Heads would then go down to the National Briefing Rooms to give their own press conferences.

(iii) There seems to be general agreement among the Sherpas that besides the Economic Declaration, there should be political texts on Human Rights, East/West issues, terrorism and China. The other Sherpas are unanimous in the view that if there is to be text on the Middle East it should, as last year, be included in the Chairman's summary.

The Sherpas and Political Directors meet this weekend in Rambouillet to complete the preparations for the Summit.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Stephen Wall in the Foreign Secretary's Office, Alex Allan in the Chancellor's Office, and to Sir Robin Butler.

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AGENDA OF THE XVth SUMMIT OF THE INDUSTRIALISED COUNTRIES

| <u>First Day</u> | <u>Heads of Delegation</u> 14/7/89 | <u>Ministers of Foreign Affairs</u> | <u>Ministers of Finance</u> |
|-------------------|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 17:00-18:30 | Restricted opening meeting World economic situation | Separate meeting | Separate meeting |
| Media 20:00 | Briefing by the Summit spokesman | | |
| 20:30 | Working dinner World political situation | Working dinner | Working dinner |
| Media 24:00 | Briefing by the Summit spokesman | | |
| <u>Second Day</u> | 15/7/89 | | |
| 10:00-10:15 | Restricted meeting : adoption of the political declarations | | |
| Media 10:30 | Reading of the political declaration to the media by the French Minister of Foreign Affairs. <i>+ Chairman's Summary</i> | | |
| 10:15-12:30 | Plenary meeting Review of the general economic situation, trade | | |
| Media 13:00 | Briefing by the Summit spokesman | | |
| 13:00 | Working lunch break | Working lunch | Working lunch |
| 15:00-17:00 | Plenary meeting debt / <i>debt</i> | | |
| Media 18:00 | Briefing by the Summit spokesman | | |
| 18:30 | Informal meeting Environment | | |
| Media 20:30 | Briefing by the Summit spokesman | | |
| 20:00 | Working dinner Environment | Working dinner | Working dinner |
| Media 23:00 | Briefing by the Summit spokesman | | |
| <u>Third Day</u> | 16/7/89 | | |
| 10:00-12:30 | Plenary meeting Discussion of the economic declaration | | |
| 13:00 | Luncheon | Luncheon | |
| 15:00-16:30 | Plenary meeting Adoption of the economic declaration | | |
| Media 17:00 | Reading of the economic declaration by the President of the French Republic | | |
| 17:30 | Press Conference of the Heads of Delegation | | |
| 20:30 | Final dinner | | |