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DEPARTMENT OF STATE DRAFT  
LUNCHEON WITH PRESIDENT MITTERRAND  
CONTINGENCY RETURN TOAST

DECEMBER 16, 1989

I want to thank President Mitterrand for his kind remarks. I am grateful for his invitation to enjoy these lovely surroundings here in St. Martin.

President Mitterrand is more than a good host; he is a good friend to me personally and to the United States. Much of the credit for the excellent state of French-American relations must go to him. Our two countries must now work together to ensure peace and stability in Europe even as the situation in Eastern Europe is changing rapidly. I think we have worked well together, and -- thanks to occasions like this -- I am sure we will be able to keep up the good work in the future.

I would, therefore, like to raise my glass to President Mitterrand and to Franco-American friendship.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

December 15, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH:           CHRISS WINSTON *cw*  
FROM:               DAN MCGROARTY *DMG*  
SUBJECT:            ST. MARTIN LUNCHEON TOAST

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McGroarty/Dooley  
December 15, 1989  
5:30 p.m.  
[STMARTIN]

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PRESIDENT MITTERRAND  
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DECEMBER 16, 1989  
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Mr. President, meetings like these are always productive -- but they take on added significance in the present time of change. The changes sweeping Eastern Europe are challenges for the West -- opportunities for us to encourage the emergence of a Europe truly whole and free.

And France is at the forefront of positive change. In its effort to find common ground among nations. In the sweep of its vision and the realism of its policies. In the historic work the European Community is doing -- under French leadership -- to help build a new Europe, and to support the reforms taking place in

Eastern Europe. And above all, as a valued ally -- a partner that understands the vital role our alliance of free nations will continue to play in the new Europe now emerging.

Mr. President, in addition to events in Europe, our talks today touched on the continuing tragedy of Lebanon. And let me repeat here -- publicly -- what I said in our private session: the United States stands ready to do whatever it can to bring peace -- lasting peace -- to all the people of Lebanon -- and we support France's efforts to bring us closer to that long-awaited day.

Mr. President: our personal friendship -- like the friendship between America and France -- is made stronger by the common aims and ideals on which it rests.

So let us all raise our glasses:

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 11, 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF  
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THROUGH: SIG ROGICH  
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR  
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES

FROM: JOHN G. KELLER, JR. *GK*  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND  
DIRECTOR OF PRESIDENTIAL ADVANCE

SUBJECT: TRIP OF THE PRESIDENT TO ST. MARTIN,  
DECEMBER 16, 1989

For your use and planning purposes, the attached is a preliminary outline schedule for the Trip of the President to St. Martin, on Saturday, December 16, 1989. Please keep in mind that the following information has not been finally approved and is subject to change.

Attachments

Revised 12/11/89 3:45 pm

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT

TO

ST. MARTIN

DECEMBER 16, 1989

OFFICIAL PARTY AND STAFF INSTRUCTIONS:

6:55 am Staff going directly to Andrews AFB should arrive Distinguished Visitors Lounge for check-in.

6:25 am Guests and Staff not manifested on Marine One depart West Basement en route Andrews AFB.

7:05 am Staff manifested on Marine One proceed to South Lawn for Boarding.

7:10 am MARINE ONE departs White House en route Andrews Air Force Base.

(Flying Time: 10 Minutes)

7:20 am MARINE ONE arrives Andrews Air Force Base.

7:25 am AIR FORCE ONE departs Andrews Air Force Base en route St. Martin.

(Flying Time: 3 Hours 20 Minutes)  
(Time Change: Ahead 1 Hour)  
(Interchange: No)

11:45 am AIR FORCE ONE arrives Juliana International  
(10:45 am Airport, St. Martin.  
E.S.T.)

11:55 am MARINE ONE departs Juliana International Airport.  
(Flying Time: 20 Minutes)

12:15 pm MARINE ONE arrives L'Habitation Landing Zone.

- \* ARRIVAL CEREMONY
  - Open Press
  - (12:17 pm - 12:25 pm)
- \* MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FRANCOIS MITTERRAND
  - Photo Opportunity
  - One on One
  - (12:35 pm - 1:35 pm)
- \* WORKING LUNCHEON
  - Photo Opportunity
  - Eight on Eight
  - (1:50 pm - 3:20 pm)
- \* JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE
  - Open Press
  - (3:50 pm - 4:35 pm)

4:45 pm MARINE ONE departs L'Habitation Landing Zone.  
(Flying Time: 20 Minutes)

5:05 pm MARINE ONE arrives Juliana International Airport.

5:10 pm AIR FORCE ONE departs St. Martin en route Andrews  
Air Force Base.  
(Flying Time: 3 Hours 30 Minutes)  
(Time Change: Back 1 Hour)  
(Interchange: No)

7:40 pm AIR FORCE ONE arrives Andrews Air Force Base.

7:45 pm MARINE ONE departs Andrews Air Force Base.  
(Flying Time: 10 Minutes)

7:55 pm MARINE ONE arrives White House.

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McGroarty/Dooley  
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