

Britannia has been suggested, as has a ship from the Caribbean drugs patrol.

At the suggestion of the French, we have removed Chatham House from the Wednesday afternoon programme and replaced it a seminar with students at the LSE.

We have, in line with the Prime Minister's wishes, removed the Tower Bridge entertainment from the Wednesday evening and replaced it with a dinner at Hampton Court Palace. There are two suggestions for entertainment: a fly past by the Red Arrows or aircraft from the Franco British Euro Air Group; and a Beat Retreat ceremony. [REDACTED] is investigating costs and whether we would have one or both.

We have, as requested by the French, replaced the train journey to Scotland with a flight and removed the proposed visit to a farm.

Finally, we understand that Chirac wishes to hold a press conference on the Friday morning so we have left space for it.

3. With the call on the Prime Minister extended, there is little time for Chirac to return to Buckingham Palace before his visit to the Palace of Westminster, but there will still be some time to spare. We need to consider what to do with it. One option would be for Chirac to be given a room at the FCO or in 10 Downing Street where he could prepare for his speech, although returning to No 10 after his press conference may seem a little odd. Another would be for him to visit the Cabinet War Rooms. This would be a convenient time filler which could be dropped if the press conference over ran, but there are German sensitivities to consider.

4. We need also to look hard at Wednesday afternoon. The visit to the East End is one option. An alternative would be a visit to an industrial site. Sir C Mallaby is keen that we should show Chirac British flexible working practices at first hand, and if we could tie that in with an example of World-beating manufacturing all the better. The difficulty is finding something suitable in the centre of London. With the farm removed from the Scotland programme we would like to suggest an industrial call near Glasgow (Silicon Glen might be ideal) or even on the way to Northolt. I understand however that the Prince of Wales wishes to organise the day in Scotland.

5. We have yet to finalise the programme for Madame Chirac. The Prime Minister is concerned that she may want to focus more on current issues. If Chirac were to visit a hospital in London we should probably have to remove the hospital option from her Scottish programme, although the purposes of the two