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SCHEDULE OF VISIT







SUNDAY JUNE 8th, 1969

16 45 hours - Arrival at G. L. A. M. Villacoubly

(transport of officials concerned is ensured to the airport  
by the Embassy)

17 00 hours - Take-off for BORDEAUX-MERIGNAC airport by :

. Nord 262 aircraft (15 persons)

Mr. BOTHA, Minister of Defence  
His Excellency Ambassador DIRKSE-VAN-SCHALKWYK  
General HIEMSTRA  
General VERSTER  
General LOUW  
Pr. SAMUELS  
General VAN NIEKERK  
General de LA REY  
General HAMMAN  
Colonel PRETORIUS

Mr. BONNET

Mr. RICHARD, Chairman  
Mr. BOUYSSONNIE  
Mr. CAUVIN  
Mr. VIELLIARD

. Mystère 20 aircraft (10 persons)

Dr. HUGO  
Colonel de WACHTER  
Colonel POTGIETER

Ingénieur en Chef de l'Armement ROUSSEAU

Colonel DONNARD

Mr. GRAS  
Mr. des RIEUX  
Mr. BENOIT  
Mr. GOUPIT  
Mr. ALVES-ROLO

18 00 hours - Arrival of the Mystère 20 at BORDEAUX-MERIGNAC

18 30 hours - Arrival of the Nord 262 at BORDEAUX-MERIGNAC

18 45 hours - Departure of the whole party for Hôtel LA RESERVE



- 18 55 hours - Arrival at Hôtel LA RESERVE (1)
- 19 10 hours - Departure of group No. 2 for Hôtel ROYAL GASCOGNE (2)
- 20 30 hours - Return of group No. 2 for dinner at Hôtel LA RESERVE

(1) Group No. 1 : Officials accommodated at Hôtel LA RESERVE - Pessac

(2) Group No. 2 : Officials accommodated at Hôtel ROYAL GASCOGNE - Bordeaux

(see Appendix B)



MONDAY JUNE 9th, 1969

- 08 20 hours - Departure of group No. 2 from Hôtel ROYAL GASCOGNE  
to join Hôtel LA RESERVE
- 08 55 hours - Departure of both groups from Hôtel LA RESERVE to  
Centre d'Essais des Landes (C. E. L.)
- (see Appendix C. 2. - itinerary)
- 10 00 hours - Arrival at C. E. L. North gate
- 10 05 hours - Welcome of visitors at the PCCT conference room by the  
to Commander of C. E. L.  
10 30 hours Presentation of the firing theme by the Director of  
Electronic Systems Division
- 10 35 hours - Departure for DTAT station
- 10 45 hours - Presentation of the equipment at DTAT station  
to Firing of one missile  
11 45 hours
- 12 00 hours - Luncheon offered by the Commander of C. E. L.,  
to Officers' Mess (Hourtiquets)  
14 30 hours
- 15 00 hours - Free (Hôtel LA RESERVE)  
to  
17 00 hours
- 17 00 hours - Departure from Hôtel LA RESERVE to Château HAUT BRION



- 17 10 hours - Arrival at Château HAUT BRION  
Welcome by the proprietor Mr. Clarence DILLON (father  
of Mr. Douglas DILLON)
- to - Initiation of the guests at the wine-making plants of the  
"Commanderie du Bontemps"
- 21 00 hours - Cocktails will be served in the park, weather permitting,  
or in the Château's sitting rooms

Return to hotels



TUESDAY JUNE 10th, 1969

Should the firing take place on June 9

- 08 20 hours - Departure of group No. 2 for BORDEAUX-MERIGNAC airport
- 08 40 hours - Departure of group No. 1 for BORDEAUX-MERIGNAC airport
- 09 00 hours - Take-off of Nord 262 and Mystère 20 aircrafts for Villacoublay
- 10 00 hours - Arrival of the Mystère 20
- 10 30 hours - Arrival of the Nord 262
- . Conveyance of guests ensured by the Embassy
- . Conveyance of THOMSON-CSF officials per private car

Should the firing not take place on June 9

- 07 50 hours - Departure of group No. 2 from Hôtel ROYAL GASCOGNE to Hôtel LA RESERVE
- 08 25 hours - Departure of both groups for C. E. L.
- 09 30 hours - Arrival at C. E. L. North gate  
Direct transport to DTAT station
- 09 35 hours - Firing demonstration (one missile)  
to  
10 30 hours
- 10 30 hours - Departure from C. E. L. to CAZAUX airport
- 11 00 hours - Take-off from CAZAUX to Villacoublay
- 12 00 hours - Arrival of the Mystère 20
- 12 30 hours - Arrival of Nord 262



APPENDIX A

LIST OF MEMBERS



Delegation of the Republic of South Africa

Minister of Defence Mr. P. W. BOTHA	Ministry of Defence Republic of South Africa
His Excellency the Ambassador W. DIRKSE-VAN-SCHALKWYK	Embassy of the Republic of South Africa, at Paris
Commandant General R. C. HIEMSTRA, SSA, SM	Chief of S. A. Defence Forces
General J. P. VERSTER, SM	Chief of Air Force
General W. P. LOUW, SM	Chief of Army
Professor H. J. SAMUELS	Chairman "Armaments Board"
General J. H. de LA REY, AFC	Defence Forces Attaché France
General HAMMAN, SM	Defence Forces Attaché Germany
General F. VAN NIEKERK, SM	Army Headquarters South African Armed Forces
Doctor T. J. HUGO	Director "National Institute for Defence Research - CSIR"
Colonel P. PRETORIUS, SM	Military Attaché France
Colonel G. J. P. de WACHTER, SM	Defence Headquarters South African Armed Forces
Colonel A. POTGIETER	Defence Headquarters South African Armed Forces



THOMSON-CSF Delegation

Mr. P. RICHARD	Chairman, THOMSON-CSF
Mr. J.P. BOUYSSONNIE	Director-General
Mr. G.A. CAUVIN	Director, International Affairs
Mr. J. VIELLIARD	Director, Electronic Systems Division
Mr. F. GRAS	Director, Overall Head Section, CROTALE System
Mr. P. des RIEUX	Management Department, International Affairs
Mr. P.M. BENOIT	Management Department, International Affairs
Mr. C. GOUPIT	Management Commercial Department Electronic Systems Division

Delegation of the French Administration

Ingénieur Général MALANDAIN (1)  
Direction des Recherches et Moyens d'Essais

Monsieur BONNET  
Direction des Affaires Internationales de la  
Délégation Ministérielle pour l'Armement

Colonel DONNARD  
Attaché Militaire près l'Ambassade de France à PRETORIA

Ingénieur en Chef de l'Armement ROUSSEAU  
Direction Technique des Engins

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(1) takes part only to CEL visit of June 9th, 1969 from 10 00 hours to 14 30 hours.



APPENDIX B

ACCOMMODATION DISTRIBUTION OF THE GUESTS



Group No. 1 : Hôtel LA RESERVE  
Avenue Bourgailh (l'Alouette)  
33 - PESSAC

Tel. No. 45-13-28 or 45-06-93

The Minister of Defence Mr. P. W. BOTHA	Room No. 7
His Excellency the Ambassador W. DIRKSE-VAN-SCHALKWYK	Room No. 5
General HIEMSTRA	Room No. 6
Pr. SAMUELS	Room No. 13
General VERSTER	Room No. 9
General LOUW	Room No. 3
General VAN NIEKERK	Room No. 15
Dr. HUGO	Room No. 18
General de LA REY	Room No. 16
General HAMMAN	Room No. 14
Colonel PRETORIUS	Room No. 10
Colonel POTGIETER	Room No. 19
Chairman RICHARD	Room No. 17
Mr. BOUYSSONNIE	Room No. 11
Mr. CAUVIN	Room No. 4



Group No. 2 : Hôtel ROYAL GASCOGNE  
4, Rue de Condé  
33 - BORDEAUX

Tél. No. 52-67-66

Colonel de WACHTER

Mr. BONNET

Colonel DONNARD

Ingénieur en Chef ROUSSEAU

Mr. VIELLIARD

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