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*Dear Margaret,*

Recently a new French Deputy, Mr. Meo, came to see me and it became apparent that he was speaking to me as a direct envoy from Mr. Jacques Chirac. The upshot of the conversation was that, now the RPR are in opposition, Chirac is most anxious to move his party closer to us. It became very clear that one of the first things he would like is to have the opportunity of meeting you. I said that I would pass this message on to you.

Since then I have spoken to Tony Royle and I understand that, with the agreement of Peter Carrington, some form of invitation is being sent to Chirac to visit London. During this visit, which I believe will take place before Christmas, I hope you might find it possible to see me for a moment or two. I think this will be very helpful in improving our relations with the RPR, perhaps not only in the European Parliament but in the other Community institutions as well.

*Yours ever.*  
*J.S.H.*

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