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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO FRANCE, 5 JUNE.

1. BRIEFING THE PRESS AFTER THE MEETINGS TODAY, THE ELYSEE SPOKESMAN IS REPORTED BY AFP TO HAVE DESCRIBED THE DISCUSSIONS AS "CORDIAL AND INDEED FRIENDLY". HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC HAD WELCOMED WITH SATISFACTION BRITAIN'S INTENTION TO TAKE A MORE ACTIVE PART IN THE SEARCH FOR SOLUTIONS TO EUROPEAN PROBLEMS.

2. AMONGST THE SUBJECTS DISCUSSED THE SPOKESMAN REFERRED TO EUROPEAN QUESTIONS, AFRICAN QUESTIONS INCLUDING RHODESIA, AND QUESTIONS RELATING TO WORLD AND EUROPEAN STRATEGY. THERE HAD BEEN A THOROUGH DISCUSSION OF THE ENERGY CRISIS DURING WHICH BOTH SIDES HAD EXPRESSED SIMILAR VIEWS ABOUT THE NEED FOR A COMMON POSITION TO BE REACHED AT THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL AND AT THE TOKYO SUMMIT.

3. DESCRIBING THE MEETING AS A FIRST CONTACT BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND THE PRIME MINISTER, THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS NOT PART OF THE REGULAR ANNUAL SUMMITS OF WHICH THE NEXT WOULD, HE SAID, BE TAKING PLACE IN SEPTEMBER.

4. HE DESCRIBED THE MEETING AS HAVING A EUROPEAN CHARACTER WHICH DID NOT, HOWEVER, EXCLUDE DISCUSSION OF BILATERAL QUESTIONS AND OF CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES OVER INDUSTRY, TECHNOLOGY, ENERGY AND ARMAMENTS.

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