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THE RT. HON. THE LORD THOMSON

Deputy Chairman

I have told Lord Thomson's office that these points have been taken on board.

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h.s. Paul 11/9

Dear Prime Minister,

I am writing to say how much we are all looking forward to your visit to Bordeaux to take part in the first Franco-British Council Conference. It is extremely good of you to do this after what will have been a long day of talks in Paris.

There are two points about your speech that I would like to mention. I hope it may be possible in your opening remarks to say something about the importance that you and the Government attach to the work of the Franco-British Council and to the possibility that a Conference of this kind bringing together leading personalities from many walks of life in both countries might become a regular feature. The second matter is a purely mechanical one. No doubt there will be a Press Conference in Paris at the end of your talks with the President. I wonder whether it might be useful if you have an advance text of your Bordeaux speech if that could be made available with a suitable embargo by the British Embassy to the Press attending that Conference. It would give the best chance of your Bordeaux speech being properly reported in the Press the next morning.

I much look forward to seeing you in Bordeaux on September 19th.

*Yours sincerely,
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