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FRENCH ELECTION RESULTS - MESSAGES

1. IF M. MITTERRAND IS ELECTED PRESIDENT, PLEASE CONVEY TO HIM THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER AT THE EARLIEST APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY.

BEGINS

I EXTEND TO YOU MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ELECTIONS AS PRESIDENT OF FRANCE. I LOOK FORWARD TO AN EARLY MEETING WITH YOU AND TO CONTINUING WITH YOU THE BEST TRADITIONS OF COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

MARGARET THATCHER

ENDS

2. IF PRESIDENT GISCARD IS RE-ELECTED, PLEASE CONVEY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO HIM:

BEGINS

WARMEST PERSONAL CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RE-ELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF FRANCE. ALL OF US ARE GLAD THAT FRANCE CAN LOOK FORWARD TO A FURTHER PERIOD OF STABILITY AND PROSPERITY UNDER YOUR GUIDANCE. YOU AND I SHARE THE SAME PROFOUND COMMITMENTS TO THE FUTURE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND TO THE CLOSE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN BRITAIN AND FRANCE. I AM VERY HAPPY THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO PURSUE THESE AIMS TOGETHER IN THE YEARS AHEAD.  
ENDS.

3. THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO INTENDS TO SPEAK TO PRESIDENT GISCARD ON THE TELEPHONE: IF HE WINS PLEASE SEND A TRIGGER TELEGRAM OR TELEPHONE THE RESIDENT CLERK WHEN M. MITTERRAND HAS CONCEDED DEFEAT.

4. YOU HAVE AUTHORITY TO RELEASE THE TEXT TO THE PRESS ONCE IT HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE PRESIDENT.

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