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TELEGRAM NUMBER 245 OF 21 MAY

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO PARIS

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SIR A DUFF  
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MR BULLARD  
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D/O Cabinet Office

1. THE ELYSEE HAVE CONFIRMED THAT 05 JUNE IS ACCEPTABLE AND, AT HIS INSTANCE, IT HAS BEEN AGREED THAT THE VISIT SHOULD BE ANNOUNCED TO THE PRESS TODAY.

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THE PRESIDENT'S STAFF WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR AN INTIMATION OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S LIKELY ARRIVAL TIME AND OF THE HOUR AT WHICH SHE WOULD ENVISAGE DEPARTING, SO THAT THE PRESIDENT'S TIME AT THE BEGINNING AND END OF THE DAY CAN BE UNBLOCKED.

3. THE PRESIDENT HAS SAID THAT HE LEAVES IT TO MRS THATCHER TO DECIDE NUMEROUS PARTICIPATION SHOULD BE. FRANCOIS-PONCET WILL UNFORTUNATELY BE ABSENT IN WASHINGTON BUT M BARRE WILL BE BROUGHT IN ON THE FRENCH SIDE. IF THE PRIME MINISTER WISHES TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY ANY MINISTERS OTHER THAN LORD CARRINGTON, THE PRESIDENT, BEING ON HOME GROUND, COULD EASILY MATCH THE BRITISH TEAM. WAHL ASKED IF SIR JOHN HUNT WOULD BE PRESENT AND ADDED THAT HE HIMSELF WOULD PROBABLY BE PRESENT WHETHER SIR JOHN HUNT WAS THERE OR NOT.

4. THE PRESIDENT WILL BE HAPPY TO CONFIRM TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S WISHES AS REGARDS SPEECHES OR TOASTS AT THE LUNCH. IF MRS THATCHER PREFERS NOT TO HAVE SPEECHES HE WOULD CONFINE HIMSELF TO A SHORT, INFORMAL, PERSONAL TOAST. I HAVE BEEN ASKED WHETHER MRS THATCHER WOULD LIKE THE LUNCH TO BE RESTRICTED TO THOSE TAKING PART IN THE TALKS OR WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SLIGHTLY ENLARGED PARTICIPATION AT LUNCH, AT ANY RATE ON THE FRENCH SIDE.

5. THE PRESIDENT, IN COMMUNICATING WITH HIS STAFF FROM KIGALI, HAS SAID THAT HE ASSUMES THAT THERE WILL BE NO QUESTION OF ANY STATEMENT OR DECLARATION ON COMMUNITY OR ANY OTHER MATTERS ON THIS OCCASION. AS IT WILL BE A WORKING MEETING NO SORT OF FORMAL PRESS CONFERENCE OR COMMUNIQUE IS ENVISAGED. BOTH SIDES WOULD DEAL WITH CORRESPONDENTS BY THEIR OWN ARRANGEMENTS IN THE LIGHT OF THE DISCUSSIONS.

6. I S SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR EARLY DETAILS ON TIMING AND CO COMPOSITION.

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