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PLEASE PASS TODAY FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO FRENCH PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE.

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DEAR PRIME MINISTER

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF 24 SEPTEMBER ABOUT THE SUCCESSION TO JACQUES DE LAROSIERE AS MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE IMF.

AS YOU SAY, MR BALLADUR HAS ALREADY RAISED THIS QUESTION WITH THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER. THEY, AND OTHER FINANCE MINISTERS, WILL NO DOUBT BE DISCUSSING IT IN WASHINGTON LATER THIS WEEK. MEANWHILE I HAVE, OF COURSE, PASSED ON YOUR VIEWS TO THE CHANCELLOR.

YOURS SINCERELY

MARGARET THATCHER

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