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Prime Minister.

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

You were going to a state  
family dinner on 9 April.  
Do you want to offer President  
Mitterrand a dinner instead?

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I shall have to  
no

Dear John,

Opening of the Joint European Torus (JET)

In your letter of 20 January you said that the Prime Minister had noted that it might be necessary to offer President Mitterrand talks and possibly hospitality if he attends the opening of the JET at Culham on 9 April. You suggested that we revert to the subject later.

The French Embassy have now told us that the Elysee need to know, for the purposes of the President's diary, how long he can expect to stay in the UK if he attends the JET ceremony. They wondered whether it was the Prime Minister's intention to offer the President some hospitality while he is here. I should be grateful in these circumstances if it would be possible to let me have an indication of the Prime Minister's intentions.

I am copying this letter to Mike Reidy at the Department of Energy.

Yours ever,

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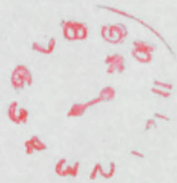
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