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FROM RESIDENT CLERK

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1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE SOONEST FROM THE PRIME  
MINISTER TO FABIOUS.

QUOTE

I WAS MOST DISTRESSED TO LEARN OF THE RAIL CRASH WHICH OCCURRED THIS  
MORNING AT ARGENTON-SUR-CREUSE.

THE SYMPATHIES OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT GO OUT TO ALL THE VICTIMS  
AND THEIR RELATIVES.

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2. GRATEFUL TO KNOW BY DESKBY TELEGRAM WHEN THE MESSAGE HAS BEEN  
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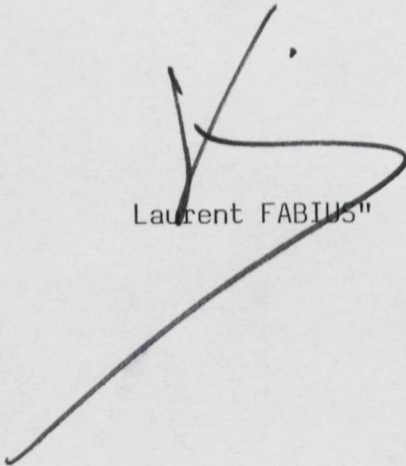
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MESSAGE DE REMERCIEMENTS  
A MME MARGARET THATCHER  
PREMIER MINISTRE DE GRANDE-BRETAGNE

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"Au nom du Gouvernement, des victimes de l'accident survenu à Argenton-sur-Creuse et de leurs familles, je voudrais vous exprimer mes sincères remerciements pour la sympathie que vous avez bien voulu témoigner à cette tragique occasion.



Laurent FABIUS"

*French Train Case*

*CDP  
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AMBASSADE DE FRANCE  
LONDRES

*6 Nels.*  
L'AMBASSADEUR

11th September, 1985

*Dear Prime Minister,*

I have just received, through the diplomatic bag, a message addressed to you by Monsieur Laurent Fabius, Prime Minister.

I enclose it herewith.

*Yours sincerely,*

*J. Viot*

Jacques Viot

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.,  
Prime Minister,  
10 Downing Street,  
LONDON S.W.1

10 DOWNING STREET

To French President or French Prime Minister (depending on whether the Queen sends a message).

"I was most distressed to learn of the rail accident which occurred this morning at Argenton-sur-Creuse. The sympathies go out to all the victims and their relatives."

President: H.E. M. Francois Mitterrand

PM: H.E. M. Laurent Fabius.



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THE PRIME MINISTER

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which occurred this morning at Argenton-sur-Creuse. ~~my~~ *The sympathies*  
*of the British Government*  
~~sympathies~~ go out to all the victims and their relatives.

*Margaret Thatcher*



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Depending on whether or  
not the Queen sends a  
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