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MY TELNO 324: NEW GOVERNMENT .

1. FOLLOWING ARE BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES ON KEY MEMBERS OF THE NEW
GOVERNMENT NOT COVERED IN 1985 LEADING PERSONALITIES REPORT.

BALLADUR, EDOUARD

MINISTER OF THE ECONOMY, FINANCE AND PRIVATISATION.

AS THE ONLY MINISTER OF STATE IN THE GOVERNMENT, CLEARLY THE MOST
IMPORTANT FIGURE AFTER CHIRAC. HE WILL SUPERVISE JUNIOR MINISTERS
FOR THE BUDGET, PRIVATISATION AND FOREIGN TRADE. BORN 1929. ENA.
1963-74 WORKED FOR POMPIDOU, FIRST AS SOCIAL AFFAIRS ADVISER
(ALONGSIDE CHIRAC) WHEN POMPIDOU, WAS PRIME MINISTER, LATER
ASSISTANT SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE ELYSEE IN 1969 AND
SECRETARY-GENERAL IN 1973. AFTER POMPIDOU'S DEATH IN 1974, HEAD OF A
SUBSIDIARY OF THE CGE ELECTRONICS GROUP BEFORE MOVING BACK INTO THE
POLITICAL WORLD IN THE LATE 1970S AS AN INCREASINGLY INFLUENTIAL
ADVISER TO CHIRAC.

ALTHOUGH LARGELY UNKNOWN TO THE FRENCH PUBLIC (HE HAD NOT STOOD
FOR ELECTED OFFICE BEFORE LAST SUNDAY), HE IS INTELLIGENT, CALM AND
DISCREET AND HAS A HIGH REPUTATION FOR EFFICIENCY AND GOOD SENSE. HE
HAS LITTLE DIRECT EXPERIENCE OF THE MINISTRY HE NOW DIRECTS OR OF
FINANCIAL AFFAIRS AND, WHILE OPEN-MINDED, IS GENERALLY SEEN AS
PRUDENT RATHER THAN PARTICULARLY LIBERAL IN HIS APPROACH TO ECONOMIC
AFFAIRS. THIS IS IN CONTRAST TO THE MORE OBVIOUSLY LIBERAL APPROACH
OF OTHER MINISTERS IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD, NOTABLY JUPPE (BUDGET),
NOIR (FOREIGN TRADE) AND MADELIN (INDUSTRY).

RAIMOND, JEAN-BERNARD

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

CAREER DIPLOMAT, WHICH SHOULD RAISE QUAI MORALE. BORN 1926. ENA.
SERVED QUAI 1956-67, ADVISER TO PRIME MINISTER (POMPIDOU) 1968-69,
THEN MOVED WITH HIM TO THE ELYSEE, 1969-73, AS ADVISER ON EAST-WEST
AFFAIRS. AMBASSADOR RABAT 1973-77, BRIEFLY DIRECTOR FOR NORTH AFRICA
AT THE QUAI, THEN DIRECTEUR DE CABINET TO MINISTER (DE GUIRINGAUD)
1977-78, DIRECTOR FOR CULTURAL RELATIONS 1979-82. AMBASSADOR WARSAW
1982-85, MOSCOW SINCE SPRING 1985

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AN EAST-WEST SPECIALIST, WITH PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE OF HANDLING RELATIONS BETWEEN ELYSEE, MATIGNON AND THE QUAI. DESCRIBED BY HMA WARSAW IN 1984 AS GOOD COLLEAGUE, FORTHCOMING, SOUND AND RELAXED. SEE ALSO MOSCOW TELNO 336. HIS APPOINTMENT DOUBTLESS REFLECTS A DESIRE BY BOTH MITTERRAND AND CHIRAC TO HAVE AT THE QUAI A MINISTER WHO WILL EFFICIENTLY EXECUTE RATHER THAN INITIATE POLICY. BUT RAIMOND WILL NOT HAVE AN EASY TIME SERVING TWO MASTERS WHO ARE COMPETING FOR CONTROL OF FOREIGN POLICY. IT IS ALMOST CERTAIN THAT CHIRAC'S FIRST NOMINEE FOR THE JOB WAS LECANUET AND THAT HE WAS VETOED BY MITTERRAND, WHO WANTED SOMEONE LESS POLITICALLY COMMITTED AND MORE RESPONSIVE TO ELYSEE DIRECTION.

GIRAUD, ANDRE

MINISTER FOR DEFENCE.

BORN 1925. QUALIFIED AS ENGINEER AT THE PRESTIGIOUS ECOLE POLYTECHNIQUE. ROSE FAST IN THE FRENCH PETROLEUM INSTITUTE: TECHNICAL DIRECTOR BY 30, DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL BY 33. 1964 JOINED GOVERNMENT AS DIRECTOR, FUEL DIVISION, MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, COMBINING THIS WITH A SEAT ON THE BOARD OF RENAULT. DIRECTEUR DE CABINET TO MINISTER OF EDUCATION, 1968-70, ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION, 1970-78. MINISTER OF INDUSTRY 1978-81; ADVISER TO ST. GOBAIN SINCE 1981.

REPORTED IN THE PRESS TO BE A STRONG PARTISAN OF FRENCH NUCLEAR DETERRENT AND SCEPTICAL OF SDI. BUT HE HAS LITTLE EXPERIENCE OF STRATEGIC AFFAIRS. HE MAY FIND IT DIFFICULT TO CARRY MUCH WEIGHT IN TUG OF WAR BETWEEN ELYSEE AND MATIGNON FOR CONTROL OF DEFENCE POLICY. WITH HIS INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE HE MAY TAKE A KEEN INTEREST IN DEFENCE PROCUREMENT ISSUES. AMBITIOUS AND STRONGLY AWARE OF HIS OWN ABILITIES. EXCELLENT ENGLISH.

2. NOTES ON OTHER MINISTERS FOLLOW BY BAG.

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