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PRIME MINISTER'S

PERSONAL MESSAGE

10 DOWNING STREET No. T162/66

LONDON SW1A 2AA

THE PRIME MINISTER

9 September 1986

1/ear.h. President. Thank you for your very thoughtful message about Henry

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His Excellency Monsieur Francois Mitterrand



From the Minister for the Arts

OFFICE OF ARTS AND LIBRARIES

Great George Street London SW1P 3AL Telephone 01-233 8610

3 September 1986

Dear Charles

Charles Powell Esq Private Secretary 10 Downing Street

Thank you for your letter of 2 September. I have passed on President Mitterrand's message to Henry Moore's widow and enclose with this letter a suggested reply for the Prime Minister to send.

I am copying this letter and enclosure to Colin Budd (FCO)

PAUL THOMAS Private Secretary

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From the Private Secretary

2 September 1986

I enclose a copy of a message to the Prime Minister from President Mitterrand on the occasion of Henry Moore's death. You may like to arrange for the message to be shown to members of the family. I think the Prime Minister would also like to reply to President Mitterrand and I should be grateful for a short draft.

I am copying this letter and enclosure to Colin Budd (Foreign and Commonwealth Office).

(Charles Powell)

Paul Thomas, Esq., Office of the Minister for the Arts.

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AMBASSADE DE FRANCE
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Dear Prime Minister,

I have just received this message, addressed to you by Monsieur François Mitterrand, Président de la République française.

I enclose it herewith.

Yours sincerely,

Jacques Viot

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

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MESSAGE DE MONSIEUR FRANCOIS MITTERRAND

PRESIDENT DE LA REPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE VIINISTER'S

A PERSONAL MESSAGE

SERIAL No. T159/86

THE RT. HON. MARGARET THATCHER, M.P.,

PRIME MINISTER

Paris, le ler septembre 1986

"Madame le Premier Ministre,

Je vous exprime mes plus vifs regrets pour la disparition d'Henry Moore. Votre pays vient de perdre un remarquable artiste et le monde se trouve ainsi privé de l'un des plus grands créateurs contemporains. Je garde un fidèle souvenir de ma rencontre avec lui et du rayonnement d'une oeuvre qui transcende la mort et le temps.

Je vous prie de croire, Madame le Premier Ministre, à l'assurance de mes respectueux hommages et de mes fidèles sentiments.

signé : François Mitterrand."./.

