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To note Chatham House's
intent to invite President

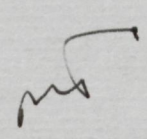
Dear Charles, Mitterrand to give a
lecture . N.C.U

President Mitterrand and Chatham House

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Thank you for your letter of 17 September about
Chatham House's proposal to invite President Mitterrand
to address the Institute when he comes to London for
the European Council in December. Both Admiral Eberle
and Mr James Callaghan have raised this proposal
recently with Sir Patrick Wright, who advised them that
the Prime Minister should be consulted before any
invitation was issued: hence this approach.
There are no Presidency plans for any engagements before
the lunch on 5 December which would make it impossible
for the President to address Chatham House that morning.

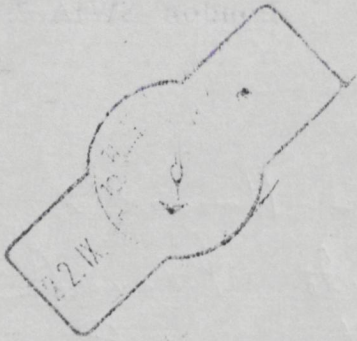
Yours ever,

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From the Private Secretary

23 September 1986

**PRESIDENT MITTERRAND AND
CHATHAM HOUSE**

Thank you for your letter of
22 September about the RIIA's proposal
to invite President Mitterrand to address
them at the time of the European Council.
The Prime Minister has noted this.

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From the Principal Private Secretary

17 September 1986

PRESIDENT MITTERRAND AND CHATHAM HOUSE

Admiral Eberle, Director of Chatham House, told me on the telephone today that Mr. Callaghan had suggested that President Mitterrand should be invited to address Chatham House. They now wish to pursue this suggestion and sought our advice about timing.

It seems to Chatham House that a timing which might be convenient to President Mitterrand would be the morning of Friday 5 December, just before lunch at Buckingham Palace and before the convening of the European Council. But before writing to President Mitterrand inviting him to address the Institute at this time, Admiral Eberle wanted to know whether HMG was likely to be arranging any meeting or other event which might prevent the President addressing the Institute. I told him I would investigate.

BF // I should be grateful if you could let me know whether the FCO envisage any competing attraction for the morning of 5 December which might prevent President Mitterrand's attendance at the Chatham House event.

I am copying this letter to Sir Patrick Wright, to whom Admiral Eberle has mentioned this matter already.

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