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Dear Steph.

## MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MITTERRAND

I spoke earlier this morning to Jacques Attali about the possibility of a further meeting between the Prime Minister and President Mitterrand. I said the Prime Minister would be ready to slip across to Paris for a few hours at a weekend or a Friday evening some time in January to continue the discussion which they had started in Strasbourg. Attali said that the President would very much welcome this and he would come back to me next week with some suggested dates. He thought it very important to maintain close contact between Britain and France. He had accompanied the President on his visit to East Germany yesterday from which they had learnt one simple fact: Germany was moving very fast towards reunification.

I will let you know as soon as we have a date fixed for a meeting.

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