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I have seen Paris telegram number 425 of 5 May, in which our Ambassador in Paris says that the Prime Minister's letter of 26 April to the President of the French Republic only arrived in Paris by bag on 4 May and had in large part been overtaken by events.

2. This prompts me to remind you that we have secure telex communications with the Elysee in Paris and the Federal Chancellor's office in Bonn, which can be used to convey messages very quickly.

3. We are hoping also to make arrangements for secure speech communications with the Elysee and the Chancellor's office, but these systems are not yet available for use.

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