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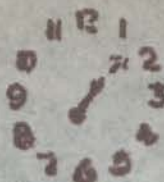
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1. MINISTER PURSUED THE QUESTION YESTERDAY EVENING WITH GUTMANN, WHO SAID HE COULD NOT AT THIS STAGE SAY WHAT THE FRENCH POSITION WOULD BE. HOWEVER HE EXPECTED CHEYSSON TO RETURN TO PARIS DURING THE WEEK-END, POSSIBLY ON SATURDAY.

2. MOREL IN THE ELYSÉE COMMENTED THAT, AS MITTERRAND HAD INDICATED AT HIS MEETING ON 17 MAY WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, FRENCH SUPPORT WAS UNEQUIVOCAL EVEN IF THE MILITARY SITUATION BECAME MORE ACTIVE. THE FRENCH LINE WOULD BE FINALISED WHEN CHEYSSON RETURNED FROM AFRICA OVER THE WEEK-END.

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