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*From the Private Secretary*

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FALKLANDS VOTE AT THE UN

The Prime Minister, as recommended, sent personal messages to eight Community Heads of Government over the week-end about the UN vote on the Falklands. The exception is President Mitterrand. After reflecting very carefully the Prime Minister has concluded that it would be better not to send a message to him. She has already and very recently explained our views to him, and subsequently to M. Cheysson and M. Dumas. She thinks that the main point, namely that a change of vote so soon after President Mitterrand's State visit, speaks for itself and is better not put in a message. She also sees a risk that a further message would irritate rather than convince.

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