

→ Mr Powell
(No. 10)

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FM PRETORIA
TO IMMEDIATE FCO
TELNO 151
OF 150800Z JULY 1986

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FOLLOWING PERSONAL FOR FERGUSSON

SOUTH AFRICA/FRANCE

1. DURING YOUR CALL ON PIK BOTHA ON 14 JULY HE TOLD YOU IN STRICT CONFIDENCE THAT HE HAD RECEIVED AN (UNNAMED) EMISSARY FROM CHIRAC LAST WEEK AND HAD RAISED WITH HIM FRANCE'S ''DOUBLE ROLE'' ON THE SANCTIONS ISSUE. PIK BOTHA HAD SAID HE HAD HEARD THAT AT THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL FRANCE HAD NOT SUPPORTED MRS THATCHER AND OTHERS IN OPPOSING SANCTIONS. THE EMISSARY HAD HOTLY DENIED THIS. PIK BOTHA HAD THEN REQUESTED THAT CHIRAC SHOULD WRITE TO THE STATE PRESIDENT TO EXPLAIN FRENCH POLICY. THERE HAD SO FAR BEEN NO RESPONSE.

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