

*Stems*  
*we must keep up pressure on French + French support + link*  
*Touching - but will it mean anything in practice?*  
*Minister - for info*  
Call by M. Cheysson, Saturday 3 April, 0830

M. Cheysson: Sorry to bother you, On my behalf and behalf of Government and President want to say that we feel very close to you over this and if there is anything we can do or say please let me know.

Lord Carrington: Very kind. Thank you very much for the support given already.

M. Cheysson: No, please, we feel almost as if we were in the same position and we see very great symbolic value of what is happening there. Just know if there is anything we can do, publicly or not, please let me know, call me personally.

Lord Carrington: Very kind. One thing. The United Nations is being very difficult in the Security Council. Anything that you can do there we would be very grateful, because they seem very unwilling to pass a resolution. The Japanese in particular are difficult.

M. Cheysson: The Japanese?

Lord Carrington: We had rather a gloomy message from New York which doubted whether we would get the 9 votes.

M. Cheysson: How are the Russians behaving? . . . They are not supporting the aggressor?

Lord Carrington: We have evidence that they have been talking to each other. We cannot sit around and do nothing and the situation will get graver and graver and no doubt the pressures will start on us, but our political position is that we cannot sit around.

M. Cheysson: I will be extremely discreet. If there is anything that your closest allies can do, let me know.

Lord Carrington: Very grateful. Sorry about today.

M. Cheysson: Please - let us keep things in the proper order of priority.

Lord Carrington: We will take up any date as soon as we can. We can meet any time.

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