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TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 1044 OF 4 NOVEMBER 1982

YOUR TELNO 570: ANGLO/FRENCH SUMMIT

1. I FINALLY HEARD FROM THE ELYSEE ON TUESDAY THAT PRESIDENT MITTERRAND WOULD NOT HAVE TIME TO RECEIVE ME BEFORE THE SUMMIT. I THEREFORE ACCEPTED AN APPOINTMENT WITH BIANCO, SECRETARY-GENERAL AT THE ELYSEE, THIS MORNING.

2. THE ONLY POINTS OF SIGNIFICANCE TO EMERGE WERE:

(A) I SAID THAT WE WERE LOOKING FOR A POSITIVE OUTCOME FROM THE SUMMIT, BUILDING ON SHARED INTERESTS AS WELL AS TACKLING SPECIFIC DISAGREEMENTS. BIANCO SAID THIS WAS EXACTLY THE SPIRIT IN WHICH MITTERRAND WAS APPROACHING THE MEETING.

(B) WE AGREED THAT SUBJECTS ON WHICH WE HAVE SIMILAR APPROACHES, BUT WITH SCOPE FOR A USEFUL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, INCLUDE EAST/WEST RELATIONS, WEST EUROPEAN SECURITY, THE RESOLUTION OF THE PIPELINE DISPUTE WITH THE U.S., MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORLD ECONOMY AND PROBLEMS OF DEBT ETC. BIANCO ADDED THAT MITTERRAND WOULD WISH TO TELL THE PRIME MINISTER ABOUT HIS TALKS WITH KOHL ON DEFENCE MATTERS: HE ENTIRELY AGREED WITH THE PRIME MINISTER'S FORMULATION ABOUT FRANCO/GERMAN AND FRANCO/BRITISH RELATIONS IN HER INTERVIEW

SHOWN LAST NIGHT BY THE FIRST FRENCH TELEVISION CHAIN.
DIRECT CONTACTS BETWEEN BRITAIN AND FRANCE ON DEFENCE MATTERS
SHOULD BE MAINTAINED AND DEVELOPED.

(C) ON COMMUNITY MATTERS BIANCO SEEMED TO THINK THERE WOULD
BE DISAGREEMENT ON BOTH THE BUDGET AND THE CAP. I SAID I THOUGHT
THE SPECIFIC DIFFICULTIES ON THE CAP, SUCH AS THOSE WHICH MME CRESSON
ADVERTISED YESTERDAY, COULD BE DEALT WITH BY THE TWO
MINISTERS OF AGRICULTURE. ON THE BUDGET WE SHOULD LOOK FOR
WAYS FORWARD TOWARDS AGREEMENT RATHER THAN DIGGING INTO
OUR RESPECTIVE TRENCHES. BIANCO INDICATED INTEREST.

(D) ON BILATERAL MATTERS BIANCO PICKED OUT THE FBR AS A SUBJECT
ON WHICH PROGRESS SHOULD BE POSSIBLE. I SAID THAT WE WERE STILL
CONSIDERING OUR LONG TERM POLICY OPTIONS BUT THAT THE SUBJECT
COULD OF COURSE BE DISCUSSED. BIANCO ADDED A SUGGESTION THAT
SINCE BOTH COUNTRIES ARE NOW MOVING RAPIDLY AHEAD ON
INSTALLING TV CABLE NETWORKS WE SHOULD CONSIDER A TV CABLE LINK
UNDER THE CHANNEL.

3. I AM REPORTING SEPARATELY WHAT WAS SAID ON THE FALKLANDS.

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