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I should report that, when I met the French Ambassador at a social function earlier this week, he said that he had recently been in Paris, and that on the European financing business "the President was still of the same mind and disposition".

2. I wonder whether this was deliberately intended to counter the unconstructive line which French representatives have recently been taking at lower levels.

3. I am sending a copy of this minute to the Private Secretary to the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary and the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

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