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THE FUTURE OF EUROPE: MITTERRAND'S SURPRISE

1. FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH FONTANA GIUSTI (MFA) TOLD US YESTERDAY THAT HE THOUGHT THAT MITTERRAND'S "SURPRISE" WAS LIKELY TO BE A PROPOSAL FOR ELECTION OF A PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL (AND TWO VICE PRESIDENTS) BY DIRECT UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE FOR A PERIOD AS YET UNDEFINED, REPLACING THE CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS WHEREBY THE HEAD OF GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE HOLDING THE PRESIDENCY PRESIDES OVER EUROPEAN COUNCILS.

2. FCO PSE PASS SAVING ADDRESSEES.

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