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From the Private Secretary

18 April 1986

PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING WITH M. CHIRAC

The French Ambassador came to see me yesterday to say that M. Chirac would very much like to take up the Prime Minister's invitation to an early, informal, meeting. He wondered whether Saturday, 26 April, would be convenient.

I have told the Ambassador that the Prime Minister would be very happy to see M. Chirac that day, and to offer him lunch at Chequers. Her preference would be for a meeting on the pattern of that which she had with M. Fabius last summer, that is, just the two of them over an informal lunch with a notetaker each. The Ambassador said that he thought that would also be M. Chirac's preference.

I should be grateful if the Department could pursue the practical arrangements with the French Embassy. Since the Prime Minister will be flying down from Scotland earlier that morning, I suggest that M. Chirac should arrive at 1230 and depart after lunch at about 1500. He will presumably fly into either Northolt or RAF Benson. If possible he should be met by a Foreign Office Minister.

It would be helpful to have briefing by Thursday, 24 April. This need not be lengthy.

(C. D. POWELL)

Colin Budd, Esq,
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PRIME MINISTER

LUNCH WITH M. CHIRAC

I mentioned to you earlier that M. Chirac would like to take up your invitation to come to the UK for a private meeting over lunch on Saturday 26 April. You said yes, but rather reluctantly, for understandable reasons. I have not yet committed you but we do owe the French an answer tomorrow.

Are you prepared to go ahead with it? I have to say I think it would be very useful.

C.D.P. Yes not

C.D. Powell
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Prime Minister

16th April, 1986
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Dear Prime Minister,

I have just received a letter addressed to you by Monsieur Laurent Fabius, Ancien Premier Ministre, Député de la Seine-Maritime.

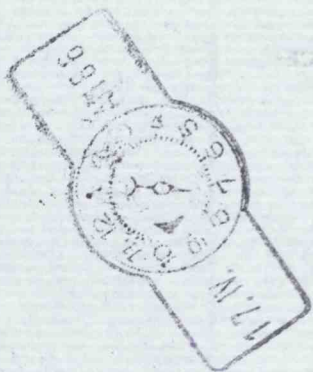
I enclose it herewith.

Yours sincerely,

J. Viot

Jacques Viot

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.,
Prime Minister;
10, Downing Street,
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Laurent FABIUS

Ancien Premier Ministre
Député de la Seine-Maritime

PARIS, le 7 avril 1986

Madame le Premier Ministre,

Je vous remercie bien sincèrement des vœux que vous m'avez adressés au moment où je quittais mes fonctions de Premier Ministre. A mon tour je ne peux que me féliciter de l'excellente coopération qui s'est établie entre nous et entre nos Gouvernements au cours des deux dernières années.

Je reste convaincu de la nécessité de poursuivre nos efforts au service de l'amitié entre nos deux pays et de la construction d'une Europe forte et indépendante.

Bien à vous
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Madame Margaret THATCHER
Premier Ministre
LONDRES

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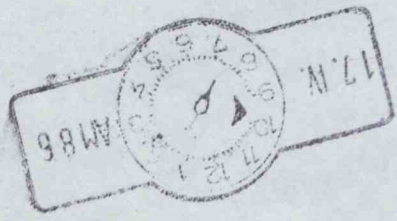
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MESSAGE DE MONSIEUR JACQUES CHIRAC,
PREMIER MINISTRE

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THE RT. HON. MARGARET THATCHER, M.P.
PRIME MINISTER

Paris, le 9 avril 1986

"Madame le Premier Ministre,

J'ai été particulièrement sensible à votre message de félicitations ainsi qu'aux voeux que vous avez bien voulu m'adresser. Permettez-moi de vous en remercier très sincèrement.

Je me réjouis enfin de l'occasion qui nous est ainsi offerte de travailler ensemble au développement et au renforcement des liens traditionnels d'amitié et de coopération qui existent si heureusement entre nos deux pays et nos deux peuples.

Je vous prie d'agréer, Madame le Premier Ministre, l'expression de ma haute considération.

signé : Jacques Chirac" ./.



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AMBASSADE DE FRANCE
LONDRES

L'AMBASSADEUR

9th April, 1986

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Dear Prime Minister,

I have just received the text of a message
addressed to you by Monsieur Jacques Chirac, Premier
Ministre.

I enclose it herewith.

Yours sincerely,

J. Viot

Jacques VIOT

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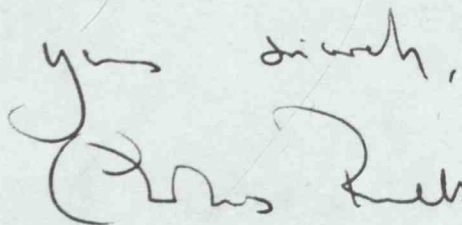
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Dear Colin,

NEW FRENCH GOVERNMENT

The Prime Minister would like to issue a general invitation to M. Chirac to come to the UK for an informal talk with her in due course. She has written to him in this sense. I enclose the letter and should be grateful if you could arrange for its delivery.

I should say that the Prime Minister sees no great urgency about this, and indeed it would be difficult to find a date for lunch or supper in the next month or two. She will not, therefore, be particularly concerned if M. Chirac does not take up the offer immediately. The Embassy might suggest to his office that they should contact me directly in due course to discuss dates.

Yours sincerely,


(C.D. Powell)

Colin Budd, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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