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PRIME MINISTER

cc: Mr. Ingham

I attach a draft statement for
your press conference - President
Mitterrand will speak first.

CDP

CHARLES POWELL

20 November 1986

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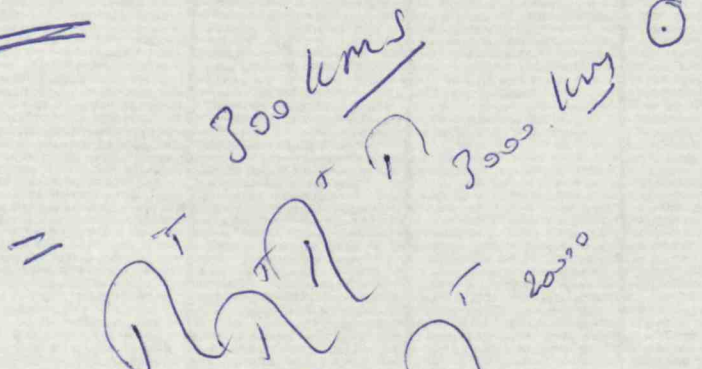
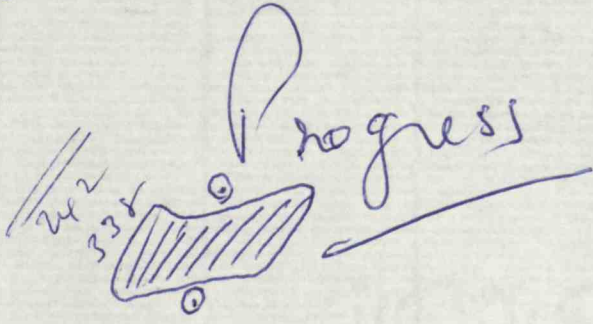
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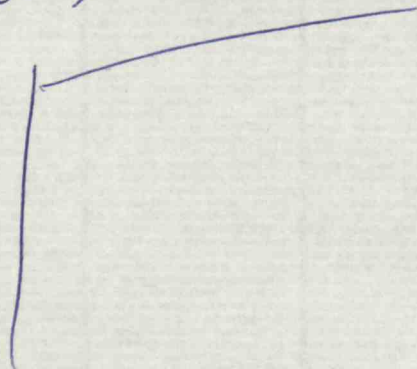
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