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THE PRIME MINISTER

24 March 1987

Vear Th. President.

I am most grateful to you for having arranged our meeting yesterday, in the delightful surroundings of the Chateau de Bénouville. It was a very valuable preparation for my visit to Moscow. I was pleased to find how close our views are on the opportunities and the risks presented by developments in the Soviet Union and by the various proposals for reductions in nuclear weapons. The common approach which our discussion revealed was further reinforced by my talks with Chancellor Kohl later in the day. I hope that we can remain in close contact on these issues, on the lines which you suggested.

May I thank you also for your very kind thought in presenting me with the beautiful Sèvres tea service. It has given me great pleasure.

I should be grateful if my thanks could be conveyed to the President of the Region of Calvados for so kindly making the Chateau available; and to all those who made the arrangements for our meeting.

I shall be in touch with you after my return from Moscow.

Warn repards.
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His Excellency Monsieur François Mitterrand, G.C.B.