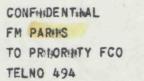
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### FAREWELL CALL ON PRESUDENT MATTERRAND

#### SUMMARY

1. HIN MY FAREWELL CALL ON MINTTERRAND THES MORNING HE SPOKE WARMLY ABOUT THE PRESENT STATE OF ANGLO/FRENCH RELATIONS, BUT PUT DOWN A MARKER ABOUT HIMPENDING DIFFINCULTERS OVER AGRICULTURE.

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- 2. IN MY FAREWELL CALL ON MINTTERRAND HE STRUCK A VERY POSHITHVE NOTE ABOUT RELATIONS IN GENERAL. AFTER A DIFFRICULT FIRST TWO YEARS HE HAD BEEN ABLE TO WORK WELL WINTH MRS THATCHER ON COMMUNITY QUESTIONS, PARTICULARLY AT FONTAMINEBLEAU, AND MORE RECENTLY ON DEFENCE QUESTIONS, WHERE POSHTHONS HAD COME CLOSER. HE ACKNOWLEDGED, INN RESPONSE TO MY COMMENT, THAT INT WAS NOW NORMAL FOR THE TWO COUNTRIES TO LOOK FOR COMMON POSHTHONS INSTEAD OF EXPECTING AUTOMATHICALLY TO FIND THEMSELVES ON OPPOSHTE SINDES OF THE BARRICADES. CO-OPERATION HIN COUNTERING TERRORISM HAD IMPROVED. THE DECISION TO BUILD THE CHANNEL TUNNEL WAS OF LONG-TERM PSYCHOLOGICAL AS WELL AS ECONOMIC SHIGNIFFICANCE.
- 3. THE MANN SUBJECT WHICH MINTTERRAND CHOSE TO RAISE WAS AGRICULTURE.

  HE SAND HE HAD PERSONALLY SUPPORTED MINK QUOTAS AND WAS READY TO

  ENDORSE OTHER MEANS OF HOLDING PRODUCTION WITHIN REASONABLE LIMINTS.

  FRANCE COULD NOT EXPECT TO BENEFAT EXCESSIVELY FROM THE CAP. INT

  MIGHT NOT BE POSSIBLE TO ELIMINATE SURPLUSES ENTERELY: AGRICULTURE

  WAS PART OF THE BACKGROUND OF CAVILLISATION HIN FRANCE AND INN OTHER

  COUNTRINES AND COULD NOT BE ABANDONED. BUT SURPLUSES COULD NOT BE

  BUTHLT UP INDEFINITIEY. HOWEVER HE FORESAW THE RISK OF CLASHES

  BETWEEN BRITTAIN AND FRANCE ON AGRICULTURAL QUESTIONS HIN THE

  COMMUNISTY HIN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. IN SAIND HT WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO

  DISCUSS AGRICULTURAL QUESTIONS BIHLATERALLY AND INN CONFIDENCE TO SEE

  HIF WE COULD ESTABLISH SOME COMMON POSHTHONS. MINTTERRAND AGREED AND

  SAIND HE HOPED MY SUCCESSOR WOULD BE FULLY BRIVEFED ON THESE

  QUESTIONS.
- 4. ON THE COMMUNENTY BUDGET MENTTERRAND SAND HE THOUGHT THE BRATTISH POSENTION TOO REGAD. HE UNDERSTOOD MRS THATCHER'S ARGUMENT THAT ONE SHOULD NOT GO ON POUR INIG IN MORE MONEY WHEN THE EXPENDIDITURE APPEARED UNNECESSARY OR WASTEFUL. BUT THERE HAD TO BE SOME SORT OF COMPROMISE TO ENABLE THE COMMUNENTY TO FUNCTION AND DEVELOP. THE 1.6 PERCENT OF VAT WHICH WAS IN PROSPECT WOULD NOT BE ENOUGH. ADMITTEDLY HAS OWN GOVERNMENT AT PRESENT TOOK A RESTRICTIVE VINEW, BUT HE WAS PERSONALLY CONVENCED ONE SHOULD LOOK AREAD TO 1.8 PECENT OR 2 PERCENT. THESE WERE RELATIVELY SMALL SUMS COMPARED WHITH THE MAGNITUDE OF THE COMMUNISTY ENTERPRISE. IN RESTATED OUR POSITION.

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5. MENTTERRAND CONCLUDED WHITH FURTHER WARM REFERENCES TO LONDON AND TO HITS PARTICULAR APPEAL TO FRENCHMEN, DUE HIM PART TO THE GREAT HUSTORINCAL DUFFERENCES THEY SENSED ON CROSSING THE CHANNEL. HE WAS GLAD THAT SOME OF THE SENSE OF REVALRY HAD GONE OUT OF THE RELATIONSHIP. BUT OF COURSE SOME WOULD ALWAYS REMAIN BETWEEN TWO SUCH NATHONS, AS HIT DIND BETWEEN ENGLAND, SCOTLAND, HIRELAND AND WALES. HE THOUGHT THUS NO BAD THINNG.

6. IN SLIPPED INN A REFERENCE TO MY SATISFACTION AT HAVING SERVED IN PARIS THROUGHOUT THE MAJOR PART OF HIS FURST SEVEN YEAR TERM. HE DIND NOT TAKE ME UP ON THE WORD 'FINRST'.

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