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From the Private Secretary

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO PARIS, 29 JULY

M. Bujon, Diplomatic Adviser to the French Prime Minister, telephoned me this morning to ask whether we yet had any details of the Prime Minister's programme in Paris on 29 July. I said that we, like him, were waiting to hear from the Elysée.

M. Bujon said that, if it were possible, M. Chirac would very much like a separate talk with the Prime Minister during the visit. In any event, he would also like to propose a further Chequers-type meeting with her in the autumn and ahead of the European Council.

I said that I would certainly consult the Prime Minister on both points. I thought that she would have nothing against a talk with M. Chirac on 29 July if this fitted easily into the programme. It might be more difficult to find a time in the autumn when the Prime Minister's diary was already very full. There would of course be an Anglo-French Summit in late October. Perhaps it would be possible for the Prime Minister and M. Chirac to have a separate talk in the course of that.

This is just for your information at this stage. I will put the proposals to the Prime Minister when we know more about the programme planned for 29 July.

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