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From the Private Secretary

14 July 1987

Dear Lynn,

H.M. AMBASSADOR PARIS' FIRST CALL ON M. CHIRAC

Thank you for your letter of 14 July enclosing some draft instructions for H.M. Ambassador Paris' first call on M. Chirac tomorrow. The Prime Minister would not, I think, wish to be absolutely committed to an autumn meeting or to making it at Chequers or the French equivalent. Nor does she believe that our views on control of Community expenditure are close to those of the French Government, at least as put forward by M. Chirac at the European Council. I have therefore made some minor amendments to the telegram (enclosed) to reflect these points. On that basis it may issue.

Yours sincerely
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Dear Charles,

Sir Ewen Fergusson's first call on M. Chirac/Prime Minister's
visit to Paris

Thank you for your letter of 10 July about a phone call from M. Bujon proposing meetings between M. Chirac and the Prime Minister. *attached.*

The Foreign Secretary believes we should respond positively to M. Chirac's approach. It may be a sign that the French Government want to achieve common ground with us in the negotiations in the Community in the autumn: and certainly it is in our interest to work with them where possible.

Ewen Fergusson will be paying his first call on M. Chirac on Wednesday morning, 15 July. This would be an excellent opportunity to give an initial response to M. Chirac's initiative. We do not have to go snap on the precise proposals: it would be sufficient to indicate that the Prime Minister shares M Chirac's wish to have discussions this month and in the autumn. I attach a draft telegram of instructions in this sense.

The Foreign Secretary hopes that the Prime Minister would in practice be able to contrive in the autumn a Chequers-type meeting with M. Chirac, in addition to the October summit. The ideal timing would be mid to late November, ie shortly before the European Council.

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YOUR CALL ON CHIRAC: EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

1. M. Chirac's diplomatic adviser, Bujon, telephoned the Private Secretary at No 10 Downing Street on 10 July to say that M. Chirac would very much like a separate talk with the Prime Minister during her visit to Paris on 29 July, and would also like to propose a further Chequers-type meeting with her in the autumn, ahead of the European Council.

2. When you see Chirac on 15 July please tell him, on the Prime Minister's behalf, that she very much hopes that it will be possible for them to meet on 29 July. She also agrees that it would be ^{useful} ~~valuable~~ if she and M. Chirac could meet ^{again in the} ~~for a~~ _{autumn}

~~Chequers-type meeting~~ in advance of the European Council, ^{if their} ~~if~~ _{respective} ^{programs} ~~permit.~~ _{permit.}
3. Please tell Chirac that the Prime Minister believes a real effort should be made to work for agreement at the Copenhagen European Council. At the Brussels European Council we were much closer to agreement on the necessary next stages in the negotiations than the final summing up and conclusions implied. ~~Our views on control of Community expenditure are close to those of the French government.~~ In our view, the main aim over the

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2 next few months must be to ensure the implementation of effective
3 and binding budgetary discipline, so that Heads of Government, in
4 considering the appropriate level of Community resources, should
5 be confident that it will not be exceeded in the medium term.
6 We also need to continue the common effort to produce a Community
7 solution to excess agricultural spending and surpluses. We
8 believe our ideas on stabilisers offer a means of getting to
9 grips with the problem. The Prime Minister would welcome close
10 Anglo-French cooperation on these and other issues, and looks
11 forward to discussing them with M Chirac in July and ^{if possible} in the
12 autumn.

13 4. You will wish to consider how best to ensure that
14 Mitterrand's staff know about the plans for a meeting with Chirac
15 on 29 July.

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