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TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELNO 690

OF 160944Z JUL 87

YOUR TELNO 382: MY CALL ON THE FRENCH PRIME MINISTER: TALKS WITH MRS THATCHER.

1. DURING MY CALL ON MONSIEUR CHIRAC ON 15 JULY I SPOKE AS INSTRUCTED IN PARA 2 OF TUR. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD BE VERY HAPPY TO FIT IN WITH WHATEVER ARRANGEMENTS WERE BEING MADE BETWEEN US AND THE ELYSEE ON 29 JULY. THERE NOW NEEDS TO BE DIRECT CONTACT BETWEEN THE ELYSEE, THE MATIGNON AND THIS EMBASSY TO FIX AN APPROPRIATE TIME. (WE ARE ALREADY IN DETAILED DISCUSSION WITH THE ELYSEE ABOUT THE PROGRAMME.)

2. AS FOR A LATER, QUOTE CHEQUERS STYLE UNQUOTE MEETING, I SAID THAT WE HAD PUT THE DATE OF 26 OCTOBER TO THE QUAI D'ORSAY FOR THE NEXT FRANCO-BRITISH SUMMIT. IF THERE WERE TO BE A MEETING BETWEEN MONSIEUR CHIRAC AND THE PRIME MINISTER IT WOULD PRESUMABLY NEED TO BE BETWEEN THEN AND THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL AT THE BEGINNING OF DECEMBER. M. CHIRAC MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE WAS AGAIN PREPARED TO FIT IN WITH MRS THATCHER'S CONVENIENCE AND CLEARLY ENVISAGED FLYING TO LONDON: HE SPECIFICALLY WAS NOT SUGGESTING THAT MRS THATCHER SHOULD COME TO PARIS. WE LEFT IT THAT A DATE SHOULD, IF POSSIBLE, BE SETTLED IN FURTHER CONTACT BETWEEN THE MATIGNON, THIS EMBASSY AND/OR NUMBER 10. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL, IF YOU WISH THE EMBASSY TO TAKE THIS FURTHER, IF I COULD BE GIVEN A POSSIBLE DATE(S) TO PROPOSE.

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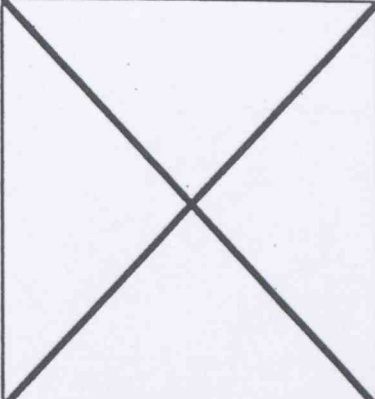
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