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MEETINGS WITH
R. MAXWELL 11/17

From the Private Secretary

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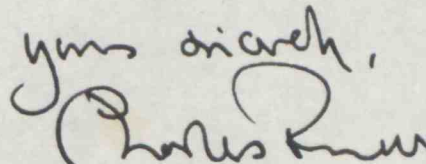
Dear Lyn,

FRANCO-BRITISH YOUTH EXCHANGES

Mr. Robert Maxwell came to see the Prime Minister this evening. In the course of their discussion Mr. Maxwell said that he had recently seen Monsieur Chirac, and found that he was anxious for some initiative which would give impetus to Franco-British relations. He compared the constant institutional advances in Franco-German relations with the absence of anything similar in France's relations with the United Kingdom. In the course of their talk, M. Chirac had said that he would propose to the Prime Minister, when they meet next Sunday, that there should be an expanded programme of Franco-British youth exchanges. Mr. Maxwell said that he hoped that the Prime Minister would feel able to respond positively to this.

The Prime Minister is quite open to the idea in the abstract, but has not considered the implications of the proposal either in terms of organisation or expenditure. I should be grateful if you could let me have, for the purposes of Sunday's meeting, a brief note setting out what already exists in the field of youth exchanges with France, and suggesting how the Prime Minister might best respond to a proposal for expanding them.

I am sending copies of this letter to Alex Allan (HM Treasury) and Martin Dinham (Overseas Development Administration).

Yours sincerely,

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