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FRENCH AIR FORCE/AERONAVALE ASSISTANCE TO ROYAL AIR FORCE.

1. YOU WILL BE AWARE OF THE ABOVE WHICH IS DUE TO TAKE PLACE AS DISCREETLY AS POSSIBLE 22/23 APR 82. IN MAKING THE ARRANGEMENTS YESTERDAY, HEAD OF THE FRENCH AIR FORCE, GENERAL FLEURY, COULD NOT HAVE BEEN MORE HELPFUL. WHEN WE HAD AGREED THE FORMAT FOR THE PRACTICE COMBAT TRAINING HARRIER VERSUS MIRAGE I WAS TOLD THAT M. HERNU WOULD LIKE TO SEE ME. THE MINISTER, HAVING STRESSED THE PARAMOUNT NEED FOR NO PUBLICITY OF THE EXCHANGE, THEN ASKED ME IF I WAS SATISFIED WITH WHAT THE FRENCH AIR FORCES WERE PROVIDING IN RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST. I SAID I WAS CERTAIN WE WOULD BE VERY SATISFIED AND THAT I THOUGHT THE SPEED OF REACTION OF THE FAF IN MEETING OUR SHORT NOTICE REQUEST WAS REMARKABLE. M. HERNU THEN ASKED ME TO PASS HIS REGARDS TO MR NOTT WITH THE MESSAGE THAT IF THERE WAS ANYTHING MORE HE COULD DO TO HELP THEN WE SHOULD LET HIM KNOW STRAIGHT AWAY.

2. I THOUGHT YOU WOULD WISH THE ABOVE PASSED ON IN CASE SECRETARY OF STATE SHOULD WISH TO THANK M. HERNU.

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