

PRIME MINISTER

You should be aware that President Mitterrand will address the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House) on 15 January.

We have checked with the Elysee that the President regards this entirely as a private visit and is not expecting or seeking any meeting with you.

Agree not to provoke a meeting, but to be open to a request if he changes his mind and makes one?

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From the Private Secretary

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Visit of President Mitterrand

As you probably know, President Mitterrand will now visit London on 15 January to speak at Chatham House.

BF // I should be grateful for advice on whether it will be necessary for the Prime Minister to see the President while he is here. She will of course have met him on three occasions in the preceding three months. An indication from the Elysee that the President saw this as a private visit, did not require any attention and was not seeking a meeting with the Prime Minister would be welcome. But the Prime Minister will of course do whatever courtesy requires.

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