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Dear chales,

PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MITTERRAND

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of 18 May to Tony Galsworthy, in which you asked for suggestions for a possible agreement on increased Anglo-French cooperation.

As you say in your letter, European Community issues are bound to feature heavily in the talks. My Secretary of State has seen your letter and has commented that it would be worth considering making a general joint commitment with the French to work closely together on Single Market issues in the run up to 1992, stressing the common ground we share on many of the key issues.

If the Prime Minister is attracted by this idea, we could of course work it up in more detail with other Departments.

I am copying this letter to Tony Galsworthy (FCO), Brian Hawtin (MOD) and Trevor Woolley (Cabinet Office).

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STEPHEN RATCLIFFE Private Secretary

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