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PRIME MINISTER'S  
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SERIAL No. T.182/88

10 DOWNING STREET  
LONDON SW1A 2AA

THE PRIME MINISTER

1 December 1988

*Dear Mr. President*

May I thank you most warmly for your hospitality yesterday. The choice of Mont St. Michel for our meeting was a particularly happy one. I have long wished to see the town, and what a remarkable sight it is. Thank you also for a memorable lunch at Mere Poulard.

I was grateful for the opportunity to hear your impressions of the situation in the Soviet Union following your meeting with President Gorbachev. Our views on the right way to handle relations with the Soviet Union, in particular the need to maintain strong defences combined with willingness to negotiate, are happily close. It is very important for Europe that Britain and France should stand together on these issues.

I look forward to our meeting in Rhodes.

With every good wish,

*Yours sincerely*  
*Raymond Barre*

His Excellency Monsieur le Président Mitterrand, G.C.B.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

1 December 1988

*Dear Monsieur Gadaud,*

I am most grateful to you for the excellent arrangements made for my meeting with President Mitterrand at Mont St. Michel yesterday. I know how much work goes into the preparation of even brief visits. But the result was a most worthwhile meeting and a highly enjoyable day. May I ask you to pass on my thanks to all those concerned.

With best wishes,

*Yours sincerely*

*Norfolk*

Monsieur André Gadaud

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THE PRIME MINISTER

1 December 1988

Dear Inspector Cailly,

I was very grateful to you and your colleagues for the arrangements made for my visit to Mont St. Michel. They were impeccable and enabled me to enjoy the day and the opportunity to see the town and its historic buildings.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Raymond Walker

Inspecteur Cailly

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THE PRIME MINISTER

1 December 1988

*Dear Monsieur Vannier,*

May I thank you for the very warm reception which I received during my visit to Mont St. Michel yesterday. I was delighted to see the town and its historic buildings and thoroughly enjoyed my day.

I offer you no less warm thanks in your other capacity as the proprietor of Mere Poulard for the excellent lunch which we enjoyed. Would you please pass on my thanks and congratulations to all members of the restaurant's staff.

With best wishes to you and all the people of Mont St. Michel.

*Yours sincerely*

*Jayant Shaliter*

Monsieur Vannier

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THE PRIME MINISTER

1 December 1988

*Dear Monsieur Pascal*

I was most grateful for your courtesy in receiving me during my brief visit to Mont St. Michel. I enjoyed the day very much and would ask you to pass on my gratitude to all those who took part in the arrangements for the visit.

With best wishes,

*Yours sincerely*

*Raymond St Aubert*

Monsieur Pascal

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M. Philippe de Mester, Directeur du Cabinet du Préfet de La Manche

① M. Pascal, Préfet de La Manche

② M. et Mme Vannier, Mayor of Mont St Michel and owner of Mere Poulard

③ Inspecteur Cailly, Chef de l'Equipe du Service de Voyagis officiels

M. Nicholas Simmonet, Guide

M. Christophe Penot, Protocole, Elysée

④ M. André Gadaud, Chef du Protocole

Mr Quintin Quayle, Head of Chancery

Miss Pat Ramsey, Visits Officer

RAF

✓ Squadron Leader Holme - Ltr attached



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*From the Private Secretary*

1 December 1988

**THE PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING WITH  
PRESIDENT MITTERRAND**

I enclose the Prime Minister's thank you letters following her meeting with President Mitterrand at Mont St Michel. I should be grateful if you could arrange for them to be sent to the Embassy in Paris to deliver. I will take the letter to President Mitterrand to Rhodes to hand over to his staff there. I am enclosing a copy for your files.

(C. D. POWELL)

Lyn Parker, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.



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*From the Private Secretary*

30 November 1988

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for flying her to France today.

The journey was very smooth and the in-flight service excellent. The Prime Minister was most grateful and has asked if you would kindly pass on her thanks to all concerned.

C. D. POWELL

Squadron Leader Holme

*[Handwritten signature]*