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YOUR TELNO 605: VISIT OF PRESIDENT MITTERRAND

1. ZORZI (DUMAS'S CABINET) HAS TOLD ME THAT THE ELYSEE HAVE PICKED 1 SEPTEMBER FOR PRESIDENT MITTERRAND'S VISIT TO CHEQUERS.
2. ZORZI ASKED WHETHER DUMAS, WHO WAS EXPECTING TO ACCOMPANY MITTERRAND, COULD HAVE A BILATERAL MEETING WITH YOU AT THE SAME TIME. DUMAS WAS NOW VERY DOUBTFUL THAT HE COULD STICK TO THE ARRANGEMENT MADE WITH SIR GEOFFREY HOWE FOR A BILATERAL IN PARIS ON 5 SEPTEMBER. HE HOPED THAT 1 SEPTEMBER IN THE UK COULD AFFORD AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY FOR A FIRST CONTACT WITH YOU.
3. I SAID THAT I HAD THOUGHT THAT THE PRIME MINISTER'S INTENTION WAS TO HAVE A RESTRICTED MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT. ALONG THE LINES OF THE MONT ST MICHEL MEETING LAST NOVEMBER, EVEN SO. IF DUMAS WISHED TO COME OVER IN THE PRESIDENT'S AEROPLANE FOR A BILATERAL WITH YOU. I WAS SURE THAT YOU WOULD WISH TO SEE HIM IF YOUR DIARY WAS CLEAR. IF NOT, THEN YOU WOULD NO DOUBT ALSO BE AT CHEQUERS. I THEN MENTIONED THAT YOU MIGHT COME TO PARIS ON 30 JULY FOR THE OPENING OF THE CAMBODIA CONFERENCE AND WOULD WANT TO MAKE A FIRST CONTACT WITH DUMAS THEN OR ON THE DAY OR TWO FOLLOWING: AND I ASKED ZORZI TO LOOK OUT FOR A POSSIBLE TIME. HE SAID THAT THERE MIGHT THEN BE A CHANCE TO SETTLE ON THE DATE FOR THE BILATERAL.

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PS 7
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