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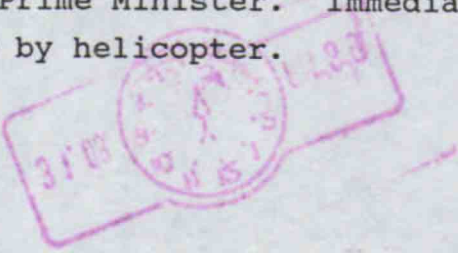
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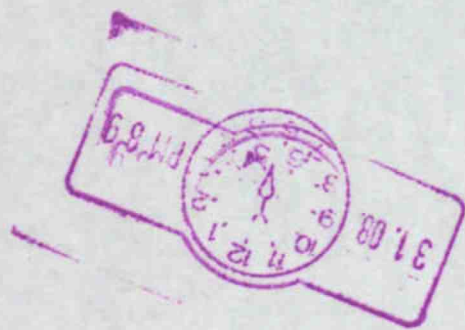
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1. I submit a self-explanatory draft letter to PS/No 10 to update the briefing for the Prime Minister's use on Friday. The main changes affect the sections on Lebanon, Cambodia and EC Internal (economic and monetary). Amendments to the Secretary of State's briefing (in the form of complete replacements rather than piecemeal changes) are being submitted separately. A revised programme is attached. The original briefing letter is at Flag A.
2. I understand that the Secretary of State will drive to Chequers from his constituency, and will return there by car after seeing off M. Mitterrand and his party at Northolt at 1645. The Secretary of State might aim to arrive at Chequers around 1045. We have booked a car to take the Private Secretary, HMA and our interpreter (Mrs Mary Penney) to Chequers, departing from the FCO at 0915. Sir Ewen Fergusson proposes to accompany the Secretary of State to Northolt after the talks, subject to availability of seats in the helicopter

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3. M. Mitterrand will be supported by two advisers: Mme Elisabeth Guigou (EC affairs) and M. Hubert Védrine (strategic, pol/mil affairs). They will alternate in the talks. Dumas will be flanked by one of his Private Secretaries, M. de Zorzi and by the French Ambassador here. The French Head of Protocol, M. Gadaud, and M Mitterrand' s adc, Cdt Méchain, will also be in attendance. Of these officials, only Mme Guigou will attend the official lunch. Separate arrangements have been made for the other officials (including Sir E Fergusson and the Private Secretary).

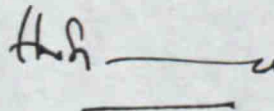
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Roger Kershaw

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