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PRIME MINISTER

VISIT TO PARIS

President Mitterrand has confirmed Saturday
20 January for a working lunch at the Elyseé.
I assume that you will wish to go straight
there and back. That would mean leaving
Chequers at about 0915 that morning returning
at approximately 1630.

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO PARIS

I understand that the Elyseé have confirmed that President Mitterrand has offered the Prime Minister talks at 1230 on Saturday 20 January followed by a working lunch, attendance to be the President and the Prime Minister plus one each. The main subject is likely in practice to be Germany, but we shall need briefing on a number of other issues and I should be grateful if this should reach me by the evening of 17 January. My understanding is that the Elyseé do not envisage any sort of press conference and I think this is wise.

I should be grateful if Conference Section could reserve an aircraft for the Prime Minister's use that day. I think the Prime Minister would want to go direct from the airport to the Elyseé, returning immediately after the lunch. I will accompany her together with a member of the Garden Rooms and two detectives. I do not yet know whether there will be a press officer: assuming there is no contact with the press, it seems unlikely to be necessary.

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