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PRESIDENT MITTERRAND'S MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER

1. MOREL (ELYSEE) HAS JUST TELEPHONED ME TO SAY THAT THE PROPOSED DATE OF 20 NOVEMBER FOR A MEETING IS NOW NOT POSSIBLE. MOREL'S HOPE THAT THE TIMINGS OF THE FRANCOPHONE SUMMIT COULD BE JUGGLED AROUND HAVE NOT PROVED REALISABLE. THE PERIOD 19-21 NOVEMBER IS COMPLETELY BLOCKED OFF. HE CONFIRMED THAT WITH 13 NOVEMBER UNAVAILABLE, AS YOU KNOW, AND 15 NOVEMBER BLOCKED OFF FOR THE FRANCO-GERMAN SUMMIT, THE ONLY OPTION NOW WAS FOR YOU AND HIM YET AGAIN TO COMB THROUGH THE DIARY. HE COMMENTED WRILY THAT THE SAME DIFFICULTIES ALWAYS SEEMED TO ARISE.

2. MOREL WAS RELUCTANT TO GUESS AT OTHER POSSIBLE OPTIONS IN THE ABSENCE OF A DETAILED EXCHANGE WITH YOU.

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