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for Mr.

Post-Stuttgart Negotiations

I understand the Prime Minister has decided that David Williamson should be her representative in the discreet bilateral contacts which she and President Mitterrand decided on at the Anglo-French summit.

We have consulted Sir J Fretwell about the best way to communicate this decision to the French. He recommends that a brief message from the Prime Minister will be the best way to underline her personal involvement in these contacts. I enclose the draft of such a message.

I am copying this letter to David Williamson.

[Signature]
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Private Secretary

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MESSAGE

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CAVEAT.....

SUBJECT:

When we discussed the Post-Stuttgart Negotiations ~~last~~
~~Friday~~ we agreed that it would be useful for there to be
discreet bilateral contacts in the weeks ahead to further
our shared objective of taking decisions at the Athens
European Council. You suggested that the right course
was for each of us to appoint a senior official, who had
our confidence, to undertake these contacts. I have
asked Mr David Williamson, the head of the European
Secretariat of the Cabinet Office to take this on.
I suggest that, as soon as you have made your choice,
our two representatives should be in direct touch to
arrange a first meeting.

Enclosures—flag(s).....

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