

PRIME MINISTER

TELEPHONE CALL TO PRESIDENT MITTERRAND

You are to speak to President Mitterrand shortly before 6.00 pm this evening. You might like to make the following points:

- I have sent a formal message of congratulations: but I wanted just to convey to you personally my congratulations and good wishes.
- It was a remarkable victory. I understand that it is the first time that anyone has been directly elected President twice under the Fifth Republic.
- I hope you are not exhausted by the campaign. In any event I expect you will be taking a few days of rest.
- I look forward very much to continuing to work closely with you and also of course with your Prime Minister when you appoint him.
- I have always believed that the agreement on the Channel Tunnel was one of the great achievements of the last few years. I hope that Britain and France can continue to cooperate in that vein. In particular I would like to see us do more together in defence and within the overall framework of the NATO Alliance. There is much work also to be done in the European Community.
- I am sure it would be helpful if we are able to meet before long and ideally in advance of the Economic Summit in Toronto. I have a clear day on Friday 10 June if that were to be convenient to you. Perhaps M. Attali and Mr. Powell can discuss this or some other convenient date.

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