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THE PRIME MINISTER

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PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
SERIAL No. 69/88

Dear Mr. President:

I send you my warmest congratulations on your re-election as President of the French Republic and greatly welcome the continuity of leadership for the West to which it will contribute. Relations between our two countries developed impressively during your first term of office, and I have particularly valued the pattern of close consultation which we have built up and I hope will continue. There is a growing range of issues on which Britain and France need to work together, including especially the creation of the single market in the European Community in 1992, to be followed shortly thereafter by the inauguration of the Channel Tunnel which you and I initiated. I also look forward in particular to closer defence co-operation between France and Britain within the Alliance and to joint efforts to advance our common interests in other parts of the world.

I hope that we shall have an early opportunity to discuss the way ahead. Meanwhile I send you my best wishes.

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Monsieur Francois Mitterrand GCB

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO PRESIDENT MITTERRAND

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During your first term of office <sup>developed impressively during your first</sup> relations between our two countries broadened and deepened, and I am confident that <sup>term of office</sup> cooperation will continue to grow in the years ahead.

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Duty Clerk

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