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MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO ROCARD

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MINISTER TO ROCARD.

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DEAR PRIME MINISTER,

I SEND MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR APPOINTMENT AS PRIME
MINISTER OF FRANCE. I GREATLY ENJOYED OUR DISCUSSION DURING
YOUR VISIT TO LONDON IN JANUARY, WHICH UNDERLINED THE WIDE AREA
OF COMMON INTERESTS AND THE SCOPE FOR FURTHER COOPERATION. AS I
HAVE WRITTEN TO PRESIDENT MITTERRAND, THERE IS MUCH WORK FOR US
TO DO NOW IF WE ARE TO BUILD EFFECTIVELY ON THE IMPRESSIVE
PROGRESS ALREADY ACHIEVED IN ANGLO-FRENCH RELATIONS. I LOOK
FORWARD TO TACKLING THESE CHALLENGES WITH YOU IN YOUR HIGH OFFICE.
YOURS SINCERELY,
MARGARET THATCHER
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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Jean Th. President

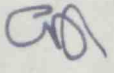
I send you my warmest congratulations on your re-election as President of the French Republic and greatly welcome the continuity of leadership for the West to which it will contribute. Relations between our two countries developed impressively during your first term of office, and I have particularly 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
Nazam Shah

His Excellency Monsieur Francois Mitterrand GCB

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	16	Dear Monsieur Rocard , <i>Prime Minister</i> ,				
	17	I send my warmest congratulations on your appointment as Prime				
	18	Minister of France. I greatly enjoyed our discussion during				
	19	your visit to London in January, which underlined the wide area				
	20	of common interests and the scope for further cooperation. As I				
	21	have written to President Mitterrand, there is much work for us				
	22	to do now if we are to build effectively on the impressive				
	23	progress already achieved in Anglo-French relations. I look				
	24	forward to tackling these challenges with you in your <i>high</i> new				
	25	position <i>office</i> ,				
///	26	Yours sincerely,				
//	27	Margaret Thatcher				
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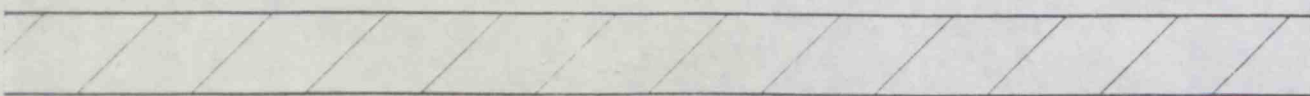
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