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From the Private Secretary

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ANGLO-FRENCH RELATIONS

Monsieur Vedrine, who used to be President Mitterrand's diplomatic adviser and is now his spokesman, looked in to see me this morning. He was also seeing Michael Quinlan and John Weston.

BF // The only point it may be worth recording is the suggestion that it would be useful for the two Governments to be in contact shortly before the Prime Minister's meeting with President Bush on 13 April and President Mitterrand's meeting with him on 19 April. Vedrine proposed that I might go over to Paris on 11 April to have lunch with him and Attali for this purpose. I have left this open, and there may be better ways of comparing notes about what we shall both be saying to the Americans. You may like to reflect and let me know what you think is the best way to proceed.

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Anglo-French Relations

Thank you for your letter of 16 March about the call by Vedrine, and his suggestion that you might visit Paris on 11 April for lunch with him and Attali to compare notes before the Prime Minister's meeting with President Bush on 13 April and President Mitterrand's meeting with him on 19 April.

We think this would be a good idea, as do the Embassy in Paris. I understand the Ambassador has telephoned you.

The Embassy would make the arrangements. As you may know, the Defence Secretary is visiting France from 9-11 April and the Ambassador is giving him a dinner on 10 April. You would be most welcome if this fitted in with your plans.

Yours.

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