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From the Private Secretary

Prime Minister
This is now
running well.

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Good news! *4.*

ANGLO/FRENCH CONSULTATIONS

When I telephoned Pierre Morel this evening about the Gulf, he also referred to President Mitterrand's recent reply to the Prime Minister's letter on Anglo/French consultations. The President had decided not to refer to the contacts between Madame Guigou and Mr. Garel Jones, because he drew a clear distinction between his personal collaborators and Ministers. But he would, of course, wish such contacts to continue and flourish.

As a first step in the new arrangements, the President thought that it would be useful for Caroline de Margerie to come over to talk about EC matters. I said that she would be very welcome. I would certainly be happy to see her, and we could arrange a programme covering David Hadley in the Cabinet Office and Michael Jay in the Foreign Office. Morel said rather hurriedly that the President was adamant that contact should be between personal collaborators: he would not want the talks to extend to specific and formal links with the Foreign Office. Foreign Ministries had their own counterparts. I reminded him that our structure was rather different. But we could easily arrange the discussions in such a way that they were conducted on a personal basis in No. 10 and/or the Cabinet Office. David Hadley might like to let me know when a first run with Caroline de Margerie would be possible.

Separately, Ewen Fergusson has told me that Admiral Lanxade is keen to have another round of contacts. I am following this up.

I am copying this letter to Simon Webb (Ministry of Defence) and to David Hadley (Cabinet Office).

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