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TELECON PRIVATE SECRETARY/PETRIE: MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT MITTERRAND

1. UNLESS YOU SEE OBJECTION, GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD CONVEY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO PRESIDENT MITTERRAND. BEGINS.

I AM DELIGHTED THAT YOU ARE COMING TO BRITAIN NEXT WEEK FOR THE OPENING BY HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN OF THE JOINT EUROPEAN TORUS AT CULHAM. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT OCCASION FOR EUROPE AND JET PROMISES TO BE AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF EUROPEAN SCIENTIFIC COLLABORATION.

I HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING WHETHER WE SHOULD TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY OF YOUR VISIT TO ARRANGE FOR A MEETING FOR DISCUSSIONS. I UNDERSTAND THE REASONS WHY IT IS DIFFICULT FOR YOU TO COME TO LONDON ON THAT DAY. MY OTHER COMMITMENTS THAT DAY WOULD UNFORTUNATELY MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO VISIT OXFORD.

AS YOU KNOW, THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL WILL BE MEETING ON THE SAME DAY IN LUXEMBOURG TO DISCUSS THE POST-STUTTGART NEGOTIATIONS. IN THE LIGHT OF THAT, I AM INCLINED TO THINK THAT WE NEED NOT AIM FOR FURTHER PERSONAL DISCUSSIONS ON THAT PARTICULAR DAY. IF YOU AGREE, PERHAPS WE COULD KEEP IN MIND THE POSSIBILITY OF A MEETING LATER ON. I WOULD OF COURSE BE VERY GLAD EITHER TO ARRANGE A FURTHER MEETING HERE IN LONDON OR TO COME TO SEE YOU IN PARIS AT ANY MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME WHENEVER THIS SEEMS USEFUL.

WITH MY BEST WISHES.  
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