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CHEYSSON

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1. I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU WOULD FIND IT HELPFUL TO HAVE A BRIEF ASSESSMENT OF CHEYSSON AS A POSSIBLE MINISTER UNDER MITTERAND.

2. THE PICTURE OF HIM GIVEN IN THE LPR GENERALLY STANDS. HIS STRENGTHS ARE A FERTILE MIND, GREAT ENERGY AND UNRIVALLED EXPERIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY THOSE IN AFRICA WITH MANY OF WHOSE LEADERS HE IS ON CLOSE PERSONAL TERMS. AGAINST THIS HE ADMITS TO NOT UNDERSTANDING THE UNITED STATES AND HAS NO EXPERIENCE OF SECURITY AND EAST/WEST PROBLEMS. HE IS ALWAYS EAGER TO SUPPORT LEFT-WING CAUSES IN THE THIRD WORLD. HE IS PERSONALLY A PRIMA DONNA AND CAN BE SHIFTY.

3. FROM ALL I HEAR, HE WOULD BE EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTED IF HE WAS NOT MADE EITHER PRIME MINISTER OR FOREIGN MINISTER.

4. PRIVATE SECRETARY PLEASE PASS TO CHEQUERS.

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