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TELEGRAM NUMBER 176 OF 21 MAY

MESSAGES TO THE NEW FRENCH GOVERNMENT

1. PLEASE CONVEY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO M. MAUROY FROM THE PRIME MINISTER:

BEGINS. DEAR PRIME MINISTER. PLEASE ACCEPT MY SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR APPOINTMENT. I WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS IN YOUR NEW POST AND LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING AND INDEED INTENSIFYING THE COLLABORATION BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS AND COUNTRIES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND THE WESTERN ALLIANCE. YOURS SINCERELY, MARGARET THATCHER. ENDS.

2. IF M. CHEYSSON IS APPOINTED FOREIGN MINISTER, PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO HIM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:

BEGINS. DEAR CLAUDE. I WAS DELIGHTED TO HEAR OF YOUR APPOINTMENT AS MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS IN YOUR PERIOD OF OFFICE. PLEASE ACCEPT MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS.

WE SHALL HAVE A GREAT DEAL TO TALK ABOUT IN THE MONTHS AHEAD, ESPECIALLY WITH THE APPROACH OF THE BRITISH PRESIDENCY OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU ON THESE AND OTHER MATTERS, AND I HOPE THAT WE SHALL BE ABLE TO ARRANGE A FIRST MEETING VERY SHORTLY. YOURS SINCERELY. PETER CARRINGTON. ENDS.

IF THE FOREIGN MINISTER IS NOT M. CHEYSSON, THIS MESSAGE MAY NEED SOME AMENDMENT AND SHOULD NOT BE DELIVERED WITHOUT FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.

3. YOU SHOULD TAKE AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO TELL THE ELYSEE THAT THE PRIME MINISTER LOOKS FORWARD TO SEEING M. MITTERRAND AT THE LATEST AT THE NEXT EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING AND HOPES THAT HE CAN COME TO LONDON FOR CONSULTATIONS IN SEPTEMBER. (FOR YOUR OWN INFORMATION THE DATES 17/18 SEPTEMBER PUT EARLIER

TO THE FRENCH MAY NOT AFTER ALL PROVE CONVENIENT.)

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