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Date Correspondence Received (YY/MM/DD) *83/12/20*

Name of Correspondent: *Henri Mustel*

MI Mail Report

User Codes: (A) _____ (B) _____ (C) _____

Subject: *For Translation*

ROUTE TO:

ACTION

DISPOSITION

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- A - Appropriate Action
- C - Comment/Recommendation
- D - Draft Response
- F - Furnish Fact Sheet to be used as Enclosure

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Comments:

Give to Jim Horgan
** TRANSLATION ATTACHED. Request should be answered by White House since DoS lacks information about the pipe organ.*

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- X - Miscellaneous
- Y - Study

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 14, 1984

Dear Mr. Mustel:

Your letter to President Reagan has been referred to the Office of the Curator, The White House for reply.

The television show in which you saw President and Mrs. Reagan over the Christmas holidays was not filmed in the White House. It was taped at the Shiloh Baptist Church in downtown Washington, D.C. and this is where the pipe organ is located. There is not a pipe organ in the White House nor has there ever been according to our records.

I am returning the newspaper article which you enclosed with your letter in case it is the only copy you had. Since this organ is not in the White House, I am unable to send the photograph you requested.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



Ellen Hancock
Assistant
Office of the Curator

Mr. Henri Mustel
25 rue Hellein
50 580 Port-Bail
FRANCE

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

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S/S

Date January 26, 1984

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For: Mr. Robert C. McFarlane
National Security Council
The White House

SITUATION

Reference:

To: President Reagan FROM: Henri Mustel

Date: December 15, 1983 Subject: Request for photograph of
a Mustel pipe organ located in the White House

WE Referral Dated: January 11, 1984 ~~NSG~~ ID# 194447
(if any)

 The attached item was sent directly to the
Department of State.

Action Taken:

 A draft reply is attached.

 A draft reply will be forwarded.

 XX A translation is attached.

 An information copy of a direct reply is attached.

 We believe no response is necessary for the reason
cited below.

 The Department of State has no objection to the
proposed travel.

 Other.

Remarks: This request should be answered by the White House since the
Department of State lacks information about the pipe organ.

Charles Hill
Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

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8401064

T H E W H I T E H O U S E O F F I C E

REFERRAL

JANUARY 11, 1984

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

REMARKS: GIVE TO JIM HORGAN

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 194447

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED DECEMBER 15, 1983

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MONSIEUR HENRI MUSTEL
50 580 PORT - BAIL

FRANCE

SUBJECT: FOR TRANSLATION

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
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(OR DRAFT) TO:
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SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF LANGUAGE SERVICES

LS No. 111722
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TRANSLATOR'S SUMMARY OF COMMUNICATION

Language: French
Date of Communication: December 15, 1983
Addressed to: The President
Name and address of writer: Mr. Henri Mustel
25 rue Hellein
50 580 Port 6 Bail
France

Substance of writer's statement:

Mr. Mustel, a 77-year-old French national, requests a photograph of the Mustel pipe organ that is in the White House. This organ was made by his great-grandfather, Victor Mustel, who exported many of these instruments to the United States from his workshop in Paris. Mr. Mustel and his wife had the pleasure of seeing the organ on television when they visited their daughter and American son-in-law in New Jersey over the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Mustel also encloses a few dollars* as a symbolic gesture to support U.S. defense of freedom in Europe. He had been saving this money as a souvenir of his recent trip to the United States.

*Not received in LS

Monsieur Henri MUSTEL

25 rue Hellein

50 580 PORT 6 BAIL

(FRANCE)

PORT - BAIL le 15 décembre 1983

8401064

Monsieur le PRESIDENT

194447

C'est avec la plus grande déférence que je me permet de vous adresser cette lettre.

Je me nomme MUSTEL Henri, je suis âgé de 77 ans et j'habite a quelques kilomètres du lieu du débarquement du 6 JUIN 1944.

J'ai, Monsieur le Président une profonde admiration pour la grande démocratie que vous dirigez avec tant de courage et de compétence et aussi beaucoup de reconnaissance envers les milliers des jeunes AMERICAINS qui ont verser leur sang pour libérer ma patrie, et la Europe.

Ma fille Lysiane MUSTEL est mariée avec un Americain - charmant garçon - Il se nomme Keen WERON et ils habitent TOWACO, NEW -JERSEY.

Je suis allé en compagnie de ma femme passer les fêtes de fin d'années chez mes enfants, et le soir de NOEL nous avons eu la joie d'admirer a la télévision un superbe concert auquel vous assistiez en compagnie de votre charmante épouse.

Au cours de ce concert qui etait retransmis nous avons constaté avec joie, et émotion que la MAISON BLANCHE possédait un orgue MUSTEL nos enfants habitant TOWACO, nous avez mis au courant ayant vu ce concert, le NOEL précédent et en direct, a la télévision.

Comme vous voudrez bien Monsieur le PRESIDENT, par le document, joint a ma lettre, cest mon arriere Grand - Père Vieter MUSTEL qui a fabriqué cet orgue. Il avait un atelier a PARIS, et il exportait a l'étranger et notamment, aux ETATS-UNIS, une grande partie de sa production

Vous serait-il possible Monsieur le PRESIDENT de me faire parvenir une photo de cet instrument ce qui me ferait le plus grand plaisir.

Monsieur le PRESIDENT vous menez un combat difficile pour permettre a l'Europe de conserver sa liberté. De mon voyage j'ai ramené quelques dollars que je garde en souvenir, qu'il me soit permis d'en joindre a ma lettre? Je n'ignore pas que cest un geste purement symbolique, je suis conscient des sommes considérables que votre pays dépense pour nous protéger et c'est de tout coeur que je vous dit MERCI

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur le PRESIDENT l'expression de mes sentiments les plus respectueux.





Un portrait du facteur d'harmoniums Victor Mustel (1818-1890) dont on dit, à la fin de sa vie, qu'il avait un visage de patriarche.

C'est une histoire comparable à celle d'un petit Vrétois qui parut un jour, son seul certificat d'études en poche, travailler dans un atelier d'optique au Havre et qui réalisa les meilleurs instruments mis à la disposition des hommes de science avant la dernière guerre.

Victor Mustel n'appartenait pas à la même génération qu'Alexandre Durand : il révéla ses talents sous le Second Empire. Mais il rendit à la musique des services aussi reconnus que le constructeur du microscope « Bacteris », à la biologie médicale.

Cotentinais de naissance, l'éminent opticien s'était dirigé à l'âge du choix d'un métier vers la Haute-Normandie. Les descendants de l'ingénieur organiste Victor Mustel, né au Havre en 1815, se sont pris d'amour pour notre presqu'île, spécialement pour Portbail et St-Vaast-la-Hougue.

Nous devons à l'amitié de l'un d'eux, M. Henri Mustel, de pouvoir évoquer la carrière de son aïeul qui avant Alexandre Durand offrit l'exemple d'une réussite due, sans fortune ni diplômes, à des dons exceptionnels et à un labeur persévérant.

Il dota l'harmonium de la « double expression »

Orphelin à 9 ans, Victor Mustel fut mis en apprentissage aux environs du Havre chez un artisan de village qui l'initia à la menuiserie.

Il avait femme et enfants quand il s'établit à Paris en 1844, embauché comme ouvrier chez Jaulin, un fabricant. Son sérieux et son habileté y furent remarqués.

L'ébénisterie n'était pas sa seule vocation. Avant de gagner la capitale, il en avait senti une autre naître en lui. S'étant risqué à démonter un accordéon, il avait eu l'idée, alors âgé de 23 ans, d'un instrument à soufflerie régulière, avec un clavier semblable à celui de l'orgue.

Seulement, l'harmonium était déjà inventé. Il s'efforça de le perfectionner en collaborant avec le facteur renommé Debain, dont il devint l'ami.

Il mit au point la « double-expression » qui assurait l'indépendance des nuances d'ensembles sonores opposés, acquérant une réputation qui allait lui permettre d'ouvrir un atelier pour son propre compte.

La harpe éolienne voix nouvelle

Victor Mustel dota ses har-

Victor MUSTEL, un haut-normand, perfectionna l'harmonium, qu'il eût été capable d'inventer

Son arrière petit-fils nous montre, à Portbail
les médailles qui lui furent décernées sous
le Second Empire

moniums de dispositifs subtils et de voix sonores comme la Voie Céleste, le Baryton et la Harpe Eolienne, voix nouvelle qu'il avait créée.

Ses deux fils, Charles et Auguste, travaillaient avec lui dans un atelier que fréquentaient des compositeurs célèbres, César Frank, Charles Gounod, Camille Saint-Saëns, mais qui n'en gardait pas moins la dimension artisanale. De là sortirent le Typophone, l'Anche Euphonique, et deux instruments aussi prisés que différents : l'orgue Celesta, qu'on disait pur et puissant comme un orgue à tuyaux, et le petit piano Celesta à lames métalliques, pour la musique légère et de danse.

Victor Mustel avait conçu ce dernier « pour que fut bien interprétée la Flûte Enchantée de Mozart ». Travaillant à la commande qui vendait le plus souvent de l'étranger, il n'ignorait pas les tracas financiers en dépit des brevets et médailles qui enrichissaient son palmarès.

Un Grand Prix lui était décerné à l'Exposition de 1869 et le président Carnot épinglait sur sa poitrine la croix de la Légion d'honneur. Il mourut l'année suivante.

So maison avait acquis une renommée internationale et en 1881, ses fils étaient honorés de la visite de Tchaïkovsky.

Un plus lointain aïeul

En 1913, un petit-fils de Vic-

tor Mustel, Alphonse Mustel (fils d'Auguste) donna un récital d'orgue devant le tsar et l'impératrice de Russie.

Un autre petit-fils, Victor (fils de Charles), dont beaucoup de Saint-Vaastais se souviennent, manifesta lui aussi des talents artistiques comme peintre de paysages.

Dans son enfance il venait à Portbail, où il se plaisait beaucoup, chez ses grands-parents Hellequin.

Et aujourd'hui, c'est le fils de l'artiste peintre, M. Henri Mustel, devenu Portbaillois à l'heure de la retraite, qui nous montre les médailles décernées au siècle dernier à son aïeul qui perfectionna l'harmonium. Il a retrouvé dans les papiers de famille une notice biographique à laquelle sont empruntés les principaux éléments de cet article, et qui nous apprend qu'un plus lointain ancêtre, capitaine de dragons sous Louis XV, publia en 1767 (six ans avant Parmentier) un « Mémoire sur les pommes de terre et le pain économique ».

Brave capitaine, qui rêvait de mieux nourrir l'humanité. Mais nous ne souffrons confondre, fut-ce pour l'honneur du même nom, les tubercules devenus le pain du pauvre et la Harpe Eolienne.

Terminons donc en disant aux desservants et organistes de la région que s'ils connaissent dans une église ou une autre un harmonium Mustel, ils feraient plaisir à l'arrière petit-fils de celui qui le fabriqua en le lui signalant.



M. Henri Mustel nous montre les médailles qui furent décernées à son aïeul, à Paris en 1869 et en 1889, à Marseille en 1881, à Londres en 1883 à Toulouse et à Porto en 1885.

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ID: 194921 CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET PAGE D01
 INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE DATE 840111 RECEIVED DATE 840119
 (PREFIX) (FIRST) (LAST) (SUFFIX)
 THE HONORABLE CHARLES H. PERCY
 TITLE

194921
 C0051

ORGANIZATION: UNITED STATES SENATE

STREET:

CITY: WASHINGTON

STATE: DC ZIP: 20510

COUNTRY:

SUBJECT: SUPPORTS THE ADMINISTRATION'S DESIRE TO HAVE
 FRENCH PRESIDENT MITTERRAND TO ADDRESS A
 JOINT SESSION DURING HIS VISIT IN MARCH

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STAFF NAME: PRESIDENT REAGAN
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
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Date FEB 22 1984

For: Mr. Robert C. McFarlane
National Security Council
The White House

Reference:

To: President From: Chairman Charles Percy, SFRC
Date: 1/11/84 Subject: French Pres. Mitterand
to address Congress

WH Referral Dated: 1/31/84 NSC ID # 8400910
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_____ The attached item was sent directly to the Department of State.

Action Taken:

- _____ A draft reply is attached.
- _____ A draft reply will be forwarded.
- _____ A translation is attached.
- XXX _____ An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
- _____ We believe no response is necessary for the reason cited below.
- _____ The Department of State has no objection to the proposed travel.
- _____ Other.

Remarks:

Jan F. Weiss
for Charles Hill
Executive Secretary



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

FEBRUARY 2 1984

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I recall that you recently wrote both the President and the Secretary of State suggesting that French President Mitterrand be invited to address the Congress during his visit to Washington.

I am pleased to inform you that the President has endorsed this idea. I enclose for your information a copy of the President's letter to the Speaker in this regard.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "W. Tapley Bennett, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

W. Tapley Bennett, Jr.
Assistant Secretary
Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs

Enclosure: As stated

The Honorable
Charles H. Percy
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,
United States Senate.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 13, 1984

Dear Mr. Speaker:

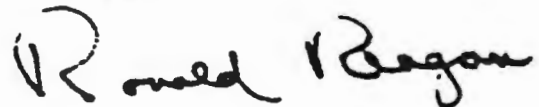
I have invited Francois Mitterrand, President of the Republic of France, to make a state visit to Washington on March 22, 1984. President Mitterrand has accepted and will be in Washington on that day and on March 23 as well.

President Mitterrand has indicated that during his visit to Washington he would appreciate the opportunity to address a Joint Session of the Congress. I understand that all the previous French Presidents of the Fifth Republic have addressed the United States Congress -- Valery Giscard d'Estaing in 1976, Georges Pompidou in 1970 and General de Gaulle in 1960.

I am aware that there is considerable Congressional interest in proffering an invitation to President Mitterrand, and it seems to me that such an address would be appropriate.

The decision, of course, is entirely up to you. Given the interest expressed by the French Government and support from within the Congress, I strongly endorse the suggestion that President Mitterrand address a Joint Session of the Congress.

Sincerely,



The Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

REFERRAL

DATE: 31 JAN 84

MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPT OF STATE

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION.

TO: PRESIDENT

SOURCE: PERCY, CHARLES H

DATE: 11 JAN 84

KEYWORDS: FRANCE

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MITTERRAND, FRANCOIS

SUBJ. LTR TO PRES FM SEN PERCY RE MITTERRAND ADDRESS JOINT SESSION CONGRESS

REQUIRED ACTION: DIRECT REPLY FURNISH INFO COPY

DUE DATE:

COMMENTS.

Loretta Y. Braxton
15860
FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

January 27, 1984

Dear Senator Percy:

On behalf of the President, I would like to thank you for your January 11 letter indicating your support for a ceremonial joint session of Congress when French President Mitterand visits here in March.

Your comments are appreciated and have been directed to the appropriate officials for further review and consideration. Thank you again for sharing with us your thoughts in this regard.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

M. B. Oglesby, Jr.
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Charles E. Percy
Chairman
Committee on Foreign Relations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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cc: w/copy of inc to NSC Secretariat for
DIRECT response

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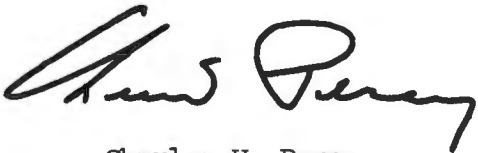
January 11, 1984

Dear Mr. President:

It is my understanding that your Administration is now considering a recommendation to the Congress on the desire of French President Mitterrand to address a joint session during his state visit here in March.

We in the Congress have tried to limit ceremonial joint sessions in recent years, and I have supported this effort to minimize disruption of both Houses' regular work. I believe that President Mitterrand's state visit warrants an exception, however, and wanted you to know that I would support such a joint session and would work here on the Hill with the leadership for it. I feel that the honor of a joint session would provide a simple but effective way of thanking the French nation for its courageous role in Lebanon and its staunch support on so many East-West issues, as well as one means to ease economic strains between us.

Sincerely,



Charles H. Percy
Chairman

CHP:ggmj

cc: Secretary of State George P. Shultz

The President
The White House

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TO PRESIDENT

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SUBJECT: LTR TO PRES FM SEN PERCY RE MITTERRAND ADDRESS JOINT SESSION CONGRESS DURING UPCOMING MAR VISIT US

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February 27, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CHARLES HILL
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Space Initiative with France *let*

We concur with plans to formulate an initiative concerning U.S./French space cooperation that could be agreed upon between President Reagan and President Mitterrand in March 1984. Please coordinate the details of the initiative with both Gil Rye and Ty Cobb of the NSC Staff prior to the NASA Administrator's departure for Europe. *let*

Robert M. Kimmitt
Robert M. Kimmitt
Executive Secretary

cc: Lt Gen James Abrahamson, NASA
Mr. Kenneth Pedersen, NASA

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

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FROM: GILBERT D. RYE *GR*

SUBJECT: Space Initiative with France

As you know, we have space initiatives underway with several nations. Most recently, we have prepared a proposal for the President's upcoming trip to China. In preparation for President Mitterand's visit to the U.S. on March 22, both State and NASA propose an initiative that is consistent with others we have underway (Tab II). Jim will discuss this subject with French officials as part of his swing through Europe and Japan in early March 1984. I will accompany Jim on the trip.

During his visit to London, Jim also plans to invite a British astronaut to fly on the Shuttle sometime in the near future.

^{RP} Ray Pollock concurs. Ty Cobb not available for comment.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memo to State at Tab I. (You may want to mention to Bud first.)

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- Tab I Memo to Charles Hill
- Tab II State Memo, dtd Feb 16, 1984

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February 16, 1984

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Proposed Discussions on a Package of
Issues Dealing with French-American
Cooperation in Space

In connection with the March 22 state visit of French President Francois Mitterrand, the State Department and NASA propose that space cooperation be cited both privately and publicly -- as part of a communique or statement -- as an example of important and increasing U.S.-French cooperation in the high technology area. We therefore request NSC agreement to NASA and State putting together a package of ongoing space-related cooperative measures which NASA Administrator Beggs could discuss with the appropriate French Government officials during his March 8-9 meetings in Paris.

Specifically, we recommend the package mention the following three areas of cooperation: NASA's agreement to include a French payload specialist in an upcoming shuttle mission to conduct French echocardiograph experiments; an expression by President Reagan of American appreciation to France for proposed trans-Pacific emergency landing rights being considered; and a proposal that both Presidents take note of the increasing level of space-related cooperative projects, particularly French interest in participating in the Space Station and joint efforts in the Topex ocean satellite research program.

We will also explore other possible areas of cooperation that might also be cited. With the current French Government's emphasis on high technology issues, NASA and State feel that this proposal would get a sympathetic hearing from the French.

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for Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

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SUBJECT. REQUEST PROPOSED DISCUSSIONS ON ISSUES DEALING W/ FRENCH - AMERICAN
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Dear Francois:

I very much appreciate the kind thoughts you expressed upon completion of your visit to the United States. Your trip was a great success. It captured the imagination of the American people and demonstrated the strength of Franco-U.S. friendship and the unity of the Alliance. Personally, I believe our talks cemented the mutual understanding you and I have developed over the past three years. This will serve us well as, together, we continue to work for peace, security and prosperity.

I look forward to our next meeting, and I accept with great pleasure your invitation to participate in the fortieth anniversary celebration of the Allied landings in Normandy on June 6. I welcome the opportunity to join with you in commemorating this day which means so much to the people of both our nations and to freedom-loving people everywhere.

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Sincerely,

Ronald

His Excellency
Francois Mitterrand
President of the Republic of France
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L'Ambassadeur

Washington, March 29, 1984

My dear Mr. President:

Allow me to tell you how my wife and I thoroughly enjoyed the dinner you and Mrs. Reagan gave in honor of French President Mitterrand.

It was a distinct privilege for us to attend this brilliant evening : this perfect ending of a very pleasant and fruitful day will indeed long be remembered.

With appreciation for your gracious hospitality, I am

Respectfully yours,



Bernard Vernier-Palliez

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MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE
JOHN M. POINDEXTER
ROBERT M. KIMMITT

FROM: TY COBB *TC*

SUBJECT: Visit of French Director of Policy Planning

Henry Nau called to tell me that he is sponsoring a conference at AEI that will feature Jean-Louis Gergorin, the French Director of the Center of Analysis and Forecasting at the Quai (equivalent of Bosworth's Policy Planning position at State). He is a career civil servant who held this position under Giscard and remains in the Mitterrand government; he is reputedly close to Cheysson.

We will be meeting with him at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, March 3. If you can join us at this session we will hold it in the Situation Room; if not, we will meet in my office. This might be an excellent chance to talk about Summit issues, the Mitterrand visit and the French long-term policy outlook.

*Sorry, I
didn't get
with you last.*

cc: Don Fortier
Geoff Kemp
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Pursuant to our conversation today,
you might find the attached interesting.

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Mitterrand's Ministerial Appointments



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For: Assistant Secretary Leland

Through: Ralph V. Korp
From: Michael O'Connor *MO*

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Subject: Mitterrand's Ministerial Appointments

A partial list, based on press reports, of Mitterrand's ministerial appointments is given below. Mitterrand reportedly named a full slate of 30 Ministers, which included no Communists.

Pierre Mauroy, Prime Minister
Claude Cheysson, Foreign Minister
Jacques Delors, Minister of Economy
Charles Hernu, Defense
Gaston Defferre, Interior
Michel Rocard, Economic Planning
Michel Jobert, Foreign Trade
Michel Crepeau, Environment
Jean-Pierre Chevenement, Research and Technology
Maurice Faure, Justice

Biographical sketches on Cheysson and Delors are attached. We have requested full bios on these men and will forward them to you by the end of the week.

Attachments

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CABINET (WITH FRANCE)
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

PARIS (AP) -- HERE ARE BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF THE FOUR TOP CABINET MINISTERS NAMED FRIDAY TO RUN FRANCE'S SOCIALIST GOVERNMENT PENDING LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS NEXT MONTH:

FOREIGN MINISTER CLAUDE CHEYSSON, 60, IS A CAREER DIPLOMAT WHO SPEAKS SEVERAL LANGUAGES AND HAS SERVED IN FRENCH EMBASSIES IN INDOCHINA, ALGERIA AND AFRICA. AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, HE HELPED THE EEC DEVELOP A GENEROUS TRADE POLICY TOWARD THE THIRD WORLD.

HE IS NOT A NEWCOMER TO THE HALLS OF POWER. DURING THE MIDDLE 1950S, HE WAS CHIEF OF STAFF FOR SOCIALIST PRIME MINISTER PIERRE MENDES-FRANCE.

CHEYSSON'S PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS LED TO SPECULATION HE WAS A TOP CANDIDATE FOR PRIME MINISTER IN A NEW GOVERNMENT OF VALERY GISCARD D'ESTAING, HAD THE INCUMBENT WON. THE THEORY WAS THAT CHEYSSON'S MODERATE VIEWS WOULD MAKE HIM ACCEPTABLE TO CONSERVATIVES AND HIS APPOINTMENT WOULD HELP DRAW LEFTIST SUPPORT.

HE IS A GRADUATE OF THE PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL SCHOOL FOR ADMINISTRATION AND THE EQUALLY WELL REGARDED POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.
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ECONOMIC AND FINANCE MINISTER JACQUES DELORS, 56, IS A PROFESSIONAL ECONOMIST SPECIALIZING IN FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

THE SON OF A BANKER, HE BEGAN WORK FOR THE BANK OF FRANCE AT AGE 20 AFTER GRADUATING FROM THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED BANKING STUDIES. HE ALSO BECAME AN ACTIVE UNIONIST.

HE LEFT BANKING IN 1962 TO BECOME A TOP CIVIL SERVANT IN A GAULLIST GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE FOR ADULT EDUCATION. IN 1969, HE BECAME A CLOSE ADVISOR JACQUES CHABAN-DELMAS, PRIME MINISTER UNDER THE LATE PRESIDENT GEORGES POMPIDOU AND AN UNSUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT IN 1974.

DELORS WAS CREDITED IN HELPING SHAPE THE 'NEW POLITICS' POLICIES UNDER WHICH CHABAN-DELMAS RAN.

DELORS JOINED THE SOCIALIST PARTY IN 1974 SOON AFTER HIS MENTOR'S DEFEAT AND QUICKLY BECAME A VALUED ADVISOR TO FRANCOIS MITTERRAND, FRANCE'S NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT. IN 1976, HE WAS GIVEN RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PARTY'S INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS POLICIES.

HE WAS ELECTED AS A SOCIALIST DEPUTY TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT IN 1979.

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1. I HAVE JUST COMPLETED RUSHED VISITS TO PARIS AND BONN WHERE I MET WITH PRESIDENT GISCARD AND FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER. ALL FOUR WISH YOU WELL. SCHMIDT WAS PARTICULARLY ELOQUENT, SAYING YOU HAD HIS SYMPATHY AND RELIEF AT THE "THE OUTCOME OF SOMETHING THAT COULD HAVE GONE DISASTROUSLY FOR AMERICAN AND THE WEST." HE ADDED THAT "THE ENTIRE GERMAN NATION WAS DEEPLY SHOCKED AT YOUR WOUNDING AND EQUALLY DEEPLY RELIEVED AT YOUR RECOVERY."

2. ALTHOUGH I DID HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BRIEF BOTH GISCARD AND FRANCOIS-PONCET ON THE MIDDLE EAST TRIP (INCLUDING EMPHASIZING OUR CONCERNS ABOUT THE EUROPEAN MIDDLE EAST INITIATIVE), WE SPENT MOST OF OUR TIME PLOTTING A JOINT CAMPAIGN TO TRY TO KEEP THE LEBANESE SITUATION FROM EXCALATING INTO A MAJOR ARAB-ISRAELI CONFRONTATION. WE AGREED ON COMMON APPROACHES TO WALDHEIM AND THE SOVIETS, AS WELL AS REINFORCING ACTIONS ON THE U.N.

3. ON A MATTER CLOSELY RELATED TO THE MIDDLE EAST, GISCARD TOLD US THAT WE CANNOT MUCH LONGER TOLERATE THE (GADDAFFI) THREAT. HE SAID THAT ONCE HE HAS HIS REELECTION CAMPAIGN OUT OF THE WAY FRANCE WILL BE READY TO ACT. THE U.S. HE SAID NEED NOT DO ANYTHING BUT TO DO ANYTHING DIRECTLY, BUT HE WILL BE TO "CONCERT TOGETHER" ON WHAT SHOULD BE DONE.

4. OUR BONN TOLKS WERE SHARPLY FOCUSED ON BASIC ALLIANCE-RELATED ISSUES. I, BRIEFED ON THE MIDDLE

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FAST, BUT THE GERMANS ARE CLEARLY NOT AS DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT EVENTS THERE AS ARE THEIR BRITISH AND FRENCH COUNTERPARTS.

5. SCHMIDT GAVE ME A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF POLISH EVENTS AS HE SEES THEM. IN SUM:

---THE WEST MUST DO MORE TO HELP MEET THE POLISH ECONOMIC COLLAPSE TO TRIGGER INTERNAL VIOLENCE FOLLOVED BY A SOVIET INTERVENTION. WHILE NEVER BLUNT ABOUT IT, SCHMIDT HAS GENTLY CRITICIZING US FOR OUR DECISION NOT TO OFFER FURTHER CREDITS TO POLAND AT THIS TIME.

---THE POLISH COMMUNIST PARTY AND GOVERNMENT ARE DIVIDED BETWEEN A LARGE MODERATE WING (JARUZELSKI) AND A SMALLER, MORE HARD-LINE (THOUGH STILL NATIONALIST) FACTION (OLSZWSKI). IT IS IN THE WESTS INTERESTS TO DO WHAT IT CAN TO SUPPORT THE MODERATES, WHO MAY BE ABLE TO GUIDE POLAND THROUGHOUT THE PRESENT DIFFICULT DAYS WITHOUT A BLOW UP. THE HARD-LINERS, ON THE OTHER HAND, WOULD ALMOST ENSURE AN INTERNAL EXPLOSION AND A SUBSEQUENT SOVIET INTERVENTION IF THEY COME TO POWER.

6. ON THE BROADER QUESTION OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS SCHMIDT WAS AT ONCE STRONGLY SUPPORTIVE AND MILDLY CRITICAL. HE ARGUED THAT ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTORS THAT HAS KEPT THE USSR FROM INTERVENING IN POLAND IS MOSCOWS RECOGNITION THAT TO DO SO WOULD END ANY HOPE OF SUMMITS OR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE U.S.A. THUS, SCHMIDT CONCLUDES WE MUST KEEP ALIVE THE PROSPECT OF TALKS; WHEN THE SOVIETS DECIDE THAT OPTION IS FORECLOSED WE WILL HAVE LOST A MAJOR INCENTIVE FOR MORE RESTRAINED BEHAVIOR ON THEIR PART.

7. GENSCHER REMARKED THAT HE HAD THE IMPRESSION--GAINED FROM HIS MOSCOW VISIT TWO WEEKS AGO--THAT BREZHNEV HAS BECOME SOMEWHAT ISOLATED FRO HIS POLITBURO ASSOCIATES, WHO ARE BEGINNING TO QUESTION WHETHER HIS "DETENTE" PLLICY HAS ANY FUTURE KNOW THAT THE U.S. IS TAKING A HARDER LINE. SCHMIDT CHIMED IN TO AGREE THAT AMONGST THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP BRE HNEV WAS THE MOST "BENIGN." THUS, WE HAD BETTER "PUT U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS ON TRACK BEFORE BREZHNEV DOES", SINCE HIS SUCCESSOR IS LIKELY TO BE MUCH MORE DANGEROUS, PARTICULARLY IF HE MUST SEPARATE HIMSELF FROM THE "FAILED" POLICY OF HIS PRECESSOR. THE CHANCELLOR EMPHASIZED THAT HE WAS NOT ARGUING FOR A CHANGE IN OUR EASTERN POLICY; HE SUPPORTS THE APPROZCH. BUT, HE SAID, IT IS IMPRRTANT THAT OUR CONCEPT OF LINKAGE BE PT POSITIVELY, I.E. THAT IF THE SOVIETS BEHAVE THEMSELVES WE WILL BE READY TO CONSIDER RESUMING THE DIALOGUE. WE MUST KEEP THE BAIT DANGLING. AT THIS POINT SCHMIDT VIRTUALLY ECHOED THATCHERS COMMENT OF YESTERDAY: "WE MUST NOT DO BUSINESS AS USAAL UNTIL THE SOVIETS GET OUT OF AFGHANISTAN."

9. ARMS CONTROL AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC MATTERS TOOK UP THE REST OF OUR TIME. ON THE LATTER, SCHMIDT REVIEWED THE DIFFICULT STATE OF MOST WESTERN EUROPEAN ECONOMIES, ADMITTING THAT GERMANY'S WAS IN BETTER SHAPE THAN MOST. HE SAID HE THOUGHT THE WORST WAS YET TO COME IN EUROPE WITH NO HOPE OF "BOTTOMING OUT" BEFORE JANUARY OR FEBRUARY OF NEXT YEAR HE ADMITTED THAT HE HAD NO RECIPE FOR BETTER DAYS, BUT THOSE INVOLVED IN DEVISING THE WEST'S STRATEGY MUST NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THE MAJOR-- AND OFTEN UNPREDICTABLE--CONSEQUENCES, INCLUDING SOCIAL UNREST THAT RECESSION WILL STIMULATE. SCHMIDT ASKED THAT I "MAKE SURE THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF TREASURY KNOW HOW STRONGLY I FEEL THAT ANY WESTERN GRAND STRATEGY MUST EMBRACE THE ECONOMIC COMPLEXITIES WE NOW FACE. I CAN'T OFFER ANY SOLUTIONS BUT IF WE WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER WE MAY AT LEAST BE ABLE TO AVOID MAKING SOME MISTAKES.

10. HE ALSO SAID WE AMERICANS MUST REMEMBER THAT OUR ECONOMY IS SO HUGE THAT ANYTHING WE DO HAS A HEAVY IMPACT ON THE WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION. OUR HIGH INTEREST RATES, FOR EXAMPLE, ARE CAUSING GREAT PROBLEMS FOR ALL WESTERN COUNTRIES.

11. SCHMIDT SAID HE WOULD WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT ALL THESE PROBLEMS WHEN HE VISITS WASHINGTON (MAY 20-22, 1981) AND WILL WANT TO DEVOTE TIME AT THE OTTAWA SUMMIT TO POLITICAL AS WELL AS ECONOMIC QUESTIONS, AND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THEM.

12. ON ARMAMENTS AND DISARMAMENT SCHMIDT WAS AT HIS MOST ANIMATED. HE BEGAN BY REMINDING ME THAT IT WAS HE WHO FIRST CALLED FOR THE MODERNIZATION AND EXPANSION OF NATO'S LONG RANGE THEATER NUCLEAR FORCES (LRTNF) IN EUROPE, SINCE WE WERE SO FAR BEHIND THE SOVIETS. HE ASSURED ME IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS THAT THE FRG WOULD STAND FIRMLY BEHIND THE DECISION TO STATION PERSHING SS AND CRUISE MISSILES IN GERMANY, "NO MATTER HOW MUCH THE FAR LEFT MIGHT YELL." THE WEAPONS "ARE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY; WE MUST HAVE THEM," HE SAID. BUT WE MUST ALSO HAVE THE SECOND TRACK--THE OFFER TO NEGOTIATE LRTNF REDUCTIONS WITH THE SOVIETS, WITHOUT THIS, HE CLAIMED, WE FRG'S POLITICAL PROBLEMS SURROUNDING NUCLEAR WEAPONS MODERNIZATION WOULD BE UNMANAGEABLE. WE MUST OFFER TO NEGOTIATE REDUCTIONS, HE ARGUED, IN ORDER TO PROVE THAT THE RUSSIANS ARE NOT READY TO REDUCE TENSIONS, AND SHOULD THEY REALLY GET SERIOUS, THEN WE OUGHT TO FIGHT FOR AN OUTCOME THAT WOULD BRING THE TWO SIDES INTO BALANCE AT REDUCED LEVELS. BESIDES, ANY NEGOTIATIONS WOULD TAKE FROM FIVE TO SIX YEARS TO COMPLETE. I ASKED ME TO THANK YOU FOR PUBLICLY REAFFIRMING OUR "TWO TRACK" POLICY DURING THE THATCHER VISIT.

13. SCHMIDT SAID THAT UNDER ONLY TWO CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD THE FRG BACK AWAY FROM IS COMMITMENT TO MODERNIZE LRTNF. FIRST,

"IF THE U.S. PUTS ITS OWN MX ON SHIPS OR SUBMARINES, THEN I WILL DEMAND THAT THEATER NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN THE FRG ALSO BE PUT AT SEA. WHY SHOULD WE BE A HIGHER RISK TARGET THAN THE U.S.? WHY SHOULD A NATION THE SIZE OF OREGON WITH 60 MILLION PEOPLE BE A TARGET, WHILE THE UNITED STATES WANTS TO REDUCE THAT RISK? WHY ARE YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS ANY MORE COMPELLING THAN OURS?"

13. WERE GERMANY TO BE THE ONLY COUNTRY IN MAINLAND EUROPE TO ACCEPT
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MAY YET DO SO), THAT, TOO, WOULD FORCE SCHMIDT TO BACK DOWN. GERMANY MUST NOT GET HERSELF IN A POSITION WHERE THE SOVIETS CAN SINGLE HER OUT FOR SPECIAL PRESSURE; THE GERMAN PSYCHE IS NOT, EVEN 80 MANY YEARS AFTER THE WAR, YET UP TO THAT WHAT IS NEEDED IS A GERMANY LINKED TO THE WEST; A GERMANY THAT SEES ITS FATE AND ITS FUTURE TO THAT OF ITS WESTERN EUROPEAN ALLIES AND THE UNITED STATES. PRESSURE ON THE FRG, STANDING ALONE, FROM EITHER EAST OR WEST "WOULD BE EXTREMELY BAD FOR ALL OF US."

14. DESPITE ALL THE REPORTS I HAVE SEEN OF LATE OF SCHMIDT'S BLACK MOODS AND DEPRESSIONS I FOUND HIM RELAXED FRIENDLY, AND OFTEN WITTY. HE GAVE NO LECTURES AND LISTENED INTENTLY WHEN I RESPONDED TO HIS POINTS. HE WAS FRANK, BUT NEVER UNNECESSARILY SO; HE WENT OUT OF HIS WAY MORE THAN ONCE TO CONFIRM HIS DEVOTION TO THE WEST, TO NATO, AND TO U.S. LEADERSHIP. AND, WHEN HE SPOKE OF YOU AND HIS HOPES FOR YOUR RAPID RECOVERY, HE WAS OBVIOUSLY WHOLLY SINCERE.

15. IN SHORT, WE HAVE STAUNCH ALLIES IN SCHMIDT AND GENSCHER, BUT ALLIES WHO LEAD A TROUBLED LAND BESET, STILL, BY THE FEELINGS OF GUILT, INFERIORITY, AND SEPARATENESS THAT HAVE FOR SO LONG AFFECTED THE COURSE OF ITS HISTORY. THE FRG IS, AND WILL BE A DEVOTED BUT DIFFICULT ALLY. WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO FIND WAYS TO LIVE AND WORK WITH HER, FOR IT WE LOSE GERMANY WE LOSE WESTERN EUROPE. IT IS AS SIMPLE AS THAT.

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