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THE PRIME MINISTER

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PRIME MINISTER'S
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Dear Mr. President-

When we discussed the post-Stuttgart negotiations we agreed that it would be useful for there to be discreet bilateral contacts in the weeks ahead to further our shared objective of taking decisions at the Athens European Council. You suggested that the right course was for each of us to appoint a senior official, who had our confidence, to undertake these contacts. I have asked Mr. David Williamson, the head of the European Secretariat of the Cabinet Office, to take this on. I suggest that, as soon as you have made your choice, our two representatives should be in direct touch to arrange a first meeting.

Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Monsieur Francois Mitterrand