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Now likely to
take place on Monday
10 March at 10.30.

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TO IMMEDIATE PARIS
TELEGRAM NUMBER 116 OF 27 FEBRUARY.

INTERVIEW WITH FRENCH TELEVISION:

YOUR TELEGRAM 225 AND TELECON ANSON/MISS COLLINGS.

WE AGREE WITH YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS. GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD NOW
EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES SUBJECT TO THESE TWO CONDITIONS:

(A) THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD WISH TO BE INTERVIEWED ON THE DAY
THE PROGRAMME IS BROADCAST TO ENSURE THAT IT IS UP-TO-DATE
WHICH IT MIGHT NOT BE IF RECORDED EARLIER:

(B) THE LENGTH OF THE INTERVIEW SHOULD BE A MAXIMUM OF 20/25
MINUTES SO AS TO CONCENTRATE THE QUESTIONS ON THE BUDGET ISSUE
AND OTHER MAJOR TOPICS.

IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO FIT THE INTERVIEW INTO THE PRIME MINISTER'S
PROGRAMME WHICH IS CROWDED FOR EARLY MARCH. BUT AT THE MOMENT
5 OR 10 MARCH MIGHT BE POSSIBLE.

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