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TO IMMEDIATE PARIS

TELEGRAM NUMBER 321 OF 2 JUNE.

TELECOM: BAYNE/PETRIE: VERSAILLES DEPARTURE ARRANGEMENTS
1. GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM
THE PRIME MINISTER TO PRESIDENT MITTERRAND TO THE ELYSEE
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

BEGINS: I AM GREATLY LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING YOU AGAIN ON
FRIDAY AND TO TAKING PART IN THE EXCELLENT PROGRAMME WHICH HAS
BEEN ARRANGED FOR THE VERSAILLES SUMMIT.

FRANCIS PYM AND I WILL, I FEAR, NEED TO LEAVE VERSAILLES
ON SUNDAY NIGHT, IMMEDIATELY AFTER YOUR GRAND DINNER. I HOPE
YOU WILL UNDERSTAND WHY, IN MY SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES AT THIS
TIME, I FEEL THAT I MUST RETURN TO LONDON THAT NIGHT, WITHOUT
STAYING ON FOR THE OPERA AND THE FIREWORKS. I VERY MUCH REGRET
THIS: GEOFFREY HOWE AND ROBERT ARMSTRONG WILL BE THERE IN MY
PLACE.

DO PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR DISTURBING YOUR ARRANGEMENTS.
OUR DISCUSSIONS AT VERSAILLES WILL BE OF THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE
AND I SHALL PLAY THE FULLEST POSSIBLE PART IN THEM. ENDS

PYM

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