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TO HQ FROM PARIS
FOR A/SEC DONLON FROM AMBASSADOR

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Sent on 28/11/77	1335
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R. Smith	

FURTHER TO OUR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION ABOUT THE APPROACH RECEIVED FROM MME NICOLE PASQUIER'S OFFICE ABOUT THE PEACE PEOPLE, I HAVE NOW RECEIVED A LETTER FROM M. JACQUES CHIRAC, MAYOR OF PARIS INFORMING ME THAT HE INTENDS TO AWARD "LA GRANDE MEDAILLE DE VERMEIL DE LA VILLE DE PARIS" TO MRS BETTY WILLIAMS AND MISS MAIREAD CORRIGAN, PRIX NOBEL DE LA PAIX 1976 IN THE COURSE OF A RECEPTION WHICH HE IS GIVING IN THE CITY HALL ON THE AFTERNOON OF TUESDAY 6 DECEMBER. M. CHIRAC ASKED ME TO ATTEND THE RECEPTION. IN THE LIGHT OF THE GUIDANCE YOU GAVE ME IN THE COURSE OF OUR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION I PROPOSE TO ACCEPT THIS INVITATION.

WHEN WE INDICATED TO MME PASQUIER'S OFFICE HOW SHE MIGHT BE ABLE TO CONTACT THESE LADIES THROUGH THE PUBLISHERS WHO WERE ARRANGING THEIR PROGRAMME IN THE CONTEXT OF THE LAUNCHING OF DEUTSCHES BOOK, WE WERE TOLD THAT MME PASQUIER HERSELF WOULD CERTAINLY GET IN TOUCH WITH THE TWO LADIES DURING THEIR VISIT AND ALSO THAT SHE WAS TRYING TO PERSUADE THE FRENCH PRIME MINISTER OR THE PRESIDENT TO RECEIVE THEM ALSO.

I ASSUME THAT WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO TAKE NO INITIATIVE IN RESPECT OF THESE LADIES BUT SHOULD NEVERTHELESS ACCEPT ANY INVITATIONS EMANATING FROM A FRENCH OFFICIAL SOURCE IN RESPECT OF THEIR VISIT.

END OF MESSAGE

PARIS
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