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FOR AMBASSADOR OR CHARGE

AMBASSADOR OR CHARGE IS REQUESTED TO DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CLINTON TO PRESIDENT MITTERRAND AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. THERE WILL BE NO SIGNED ORIGINAL.

BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR FRANCOIS:

I AM WRITING TO LET YOU KNOW OF THE DIFFICULT DECISION THAT I HAVE TAKEN REGARDING MY PARTICIPATION IN VE-DAY COMMEMORATIONS IN EUROPE.

AS MUCH AS I WOULD HAVE LIKED TO ATTEND THE IMPORTANT EVENT WHICH YOU WILL BE HOSTING IN PARIS ON MAY 8, I'M AFRAID THAT I CANNOT FAIL TO BE PRESENT AT VE-DAY COMMEMORATIONS AT ARLINGTON CEMETERY ON THAT DAY. I AM SURE YOU UNDERSTAND THAT MY OBLIGATIONS TOWARD U.S. VETERANS MUST COME FIRST. HOWEVER, I AM PLEASED TO REPORT THAT THE VICE PRESIDENT WILL REPRESENT ME AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IN PARIS ON MAY 8, AS WELL AS AT THE EVENTS IN LONDON AND BERLIN.

I WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT I HAVE DECIDED TO ATTEND THE EVENTS IN MOSCOW ON MAY 9. THIS IS SYMBOLICALLY A VERY IMPORTANT DAY FOR THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE AND FOR YELTSIN. I VERY MUCH HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE. BORIS HAS INDICATED THAT THE EVENT WILL NOT HAVE A HEAVILY MILITARY FLAVOR.

SINCERELY,

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END TEXT

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