

I have passed the gist of this
to Mr Mayer & Mr Howell's Office.
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Prime Minister *Ant*

Michael Alexander

as para 5 below: I am not sure
why Mr McGregor needs your approval to
see Pres Mitterand - or that you wish at this
stage to imply that degree of governmental approval.
But if you do, the Embassy can of course act with
the Elysee. Do you wish them to do so?

CHANNEL TUNNEL

1. Sir John Howard came to see me this morning.
2. When he and Mr Ian McGregor came to see the Prime Minister on 17th November, Sir John asked the Prime Minister whether she would "facilitate" a meeting between Ian McGregor and President Mitterand.
3. The Prime Minister said that Sir John should discuss this point with David Howell.
4. Apparently, after the Prime Minister had left the meeting on that day, David Howell said that he would be quite happy for Mr McGregor to meet President Mitterand. Michael Scholar may have heard that part of the conversation although I did not.
5. Sir John repeated this morning the request that Mr McGregor should have the Prime Minister's approval to meet the French President.
6. Over to you, or Michael Scholar, please!

Ant - 30/11

*Mr Scholar did not.
Would you like me
to check on Mr Howell's
views?*

*P.S. - It must not
indicate that I am
refusing him to see the
President. I am not
because I think
subversive
maneuvering
say*

25.11.81

cc. Michael Scholar

*He doesn't need
my approval - but
can certainly*

IAN GOW

*have it. However he cannot
that I endorse his particular
plan. no.*