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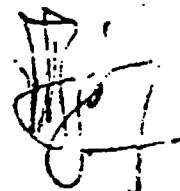
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Dear Mr. Secretary,

*Please find herewith a message from Mr. Hubert Védrine, French
Minister of Foreign Affairs, that I was asked to forward to you, as well as an
unofficial translation.*

With high regards, I am

Yours sincerely,



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