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FM AMBASSADOR WATSON PARIS 1845
TO THE WHITE HOUSE, EYES ONLY FOR DR. KISSINGER.
MET WITH PRESIDENT POMPIDOU AT NOON TODAY JUST AFTER ARMISTICE
DAY CEREMONY. HE APPRECIATES VERY MUCH PRESIDENT NIXON'S INVITATION
TO HAVE A MEETING AND IS RECEPTIVE TO IDEA. HE STATED FRENCH
TERRITORY IN WESTERN HEMISPHERE OR US IMPOSSIBLE AS SITES FOR THIS
MEETING. I STATED THAT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR PRESIDENT NIXON
TO HAVE MEETING IN FRANCE NOW. THEN I SUGGESTED IRELAND AS POSSIBLE
SITE. HE WAS RECEPTIVE TO THAT LOCALE PROVIDING PRESIDENT WOULD NOT
MEET WITH OTHER EUROPEAN CHIEFS OF GOVT ON SAME TRIP. I DO NOT THINK
HE WOULD BE DISTURBED BY PROTOCOL CALL ON PRESIDENT OF IRELAND.
POMPIDOU SAID HE WILL MEET WITH BRANDT AROUND DECEMBER 3 OR 4,
THEREFORE DECEMBER 10 THROUGH 14 IS DATE ACCEPTABLE TO HIM.
PRESIDENT ALSO EXPRESSED UNCERTAINTY AS TO PRESENT DIRECTION OF US
POLICY. I REPLIED THAT IS BASIC REASON FOR SUGGESTED MEETING.
MY PERSONAL COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATION FOLLOW: LET ME
KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER PRESIDENT NIXON WILL AGREE TO
MEET PRESIDENT POMPIDOU IN IRELAND ANY TIME BETWEEN 10TH AND
14TH OF DECEMBER. I URGE YOU TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO HAVE
OUR PRESIDENT ACCEPT THE ABOVE. I PERSONALLY FEEL THIS CAN BE A
TURNING POINT FOR THE BETTER IN OUR RELATIONS WITH FRANCE AND
EUROPE.

THANKS AGAIN FOR THE LUNCH. WARM REGARDS.

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