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041q	Draft	Action Memorandum - To: Steve Hadley - From: Damon Wilson	1	09/04/2005	P5; P6/b6;
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045	Report	[Report]	4	09/29/2005	P1/b1;
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066	Cable	[Cable]	4	02/05/2003	P1/b1;
067	Email	Foreign Travel Request... - To: Angela Sodolak, et al. - From: Lee Simmons	1	07/26/2005	P6/b6;
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073	Report	[Report]	1	06/2005	P1/b1;
074	Memorandum	Information Memo	3	N.D.	P1/b1;
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076d	Fax Cover Sheet	[Fax Cover Sheet]	1	07/01/2005	P1/b1;
077	Email	Levitte Meeting - To: Kurt Volker, et al. - From: Rosemary DiCarlo	2	06/03/2005	P1/b1; P5;
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Objet : Appointment request.

Mr. Stanislas LEFEBVRE DE LABOULAYE, Director for Politic and Security Affairs at the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, will be in Washington on Thursday, November 3rd, 2005.

On that occasion he would like to set up a meeting with Mr. CROUCH.

Could you please let me know if Mr. CROUCH would be available on that day.

Mr. Stanislas LEFEBVRE DE LABOULAYE will be accompanied by Mr. Martin BRIENS, Political and Military Counsellor at the French Embassy.

I remain at your disposal for any further information you would like to know.

Yours sincerely,
Antoine Bauzin

Stanislas Lefebvre de Laboulaye
Ministre Plénipotentiaire

(b)(6)

CURRICULUM VITAE

Mr. Lefebvre de Laboulaye is a *Chevalier* in the Order of the Legion of Honour (1999). He was awarded the National Order of Merit as *Chevalier* in 1987 and then made an *Officier* in 2003.

He qualified as a teacher of modern French literature (holder of the *agrégation* degree), and he attended the French National School of Public Administration (ENA), "Voltaire" year, 1980.

Mr. Lefebvre de Laboulaye holds the rank of Plenipotentiary Minister (2nd class).

CAREER

1970-1976	Worked in the French educational system.
1978-1980	Attended ENA.
1980	On June 1 st , joined the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs as an established civil servant with the rank of <i>Secrétaire des Affaires étrangères</i> .
1980-1981	Worked at the Paris-based Ministry's Central Administration, in the Office for Asia and Oceania.
1981-1984	Worked at the Paris-based Ministry's Central Administration, in the Office for Economic and Financial Affairs.
1984-1987	First Secretary at the Permanent French Representation to the European Communities in Brussels, where he became Second Counsellor in 1987.
1987-1991	Posted to the French Embassy in Madrid.
1991-1995	Worked at the Ministry's Paris-based Central Administration, in the Directorate for Cultural, Scientific and Technical Relations, as Director for Communication and then for External Audiovisual Action.
1995-1999	General Consul in Jerusalem
1999-2002	Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador to Antananarivo.
2002	In September, returned to the Ministry's Paris-based Central Administration, as the Ministry's Deputy Secretary-General and Director-General for Political and Security Affairs.

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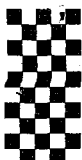
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Please find herewith a letter from Ambassador Jean-David Levitte. This letter forwards a letter from President Jacques Chirac to President George W. Bush.

Yours sincerely,

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*Ambassade de France
aux Etats-Unis*

*L' Ambassadeur
n°2105*

Washington, October 10, 2005

Dear Mr. Hadley:

Please find herewith the copy of a letter addressed to President George W. Bush from Mr. Jacques Chirac, President of the French Republic, who asked the Embassy to forward it to him. The original of this letter will be sent to you when we receive it.

Also enclosed is an unofficial translation.

I would be grateful if you would be so kind as to convey this letter to the President.

With high regards,

Yours sincerely



Jean-David Levitte

*The Honorable Stephen J. Hadley
Assistant to the President for
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The White House
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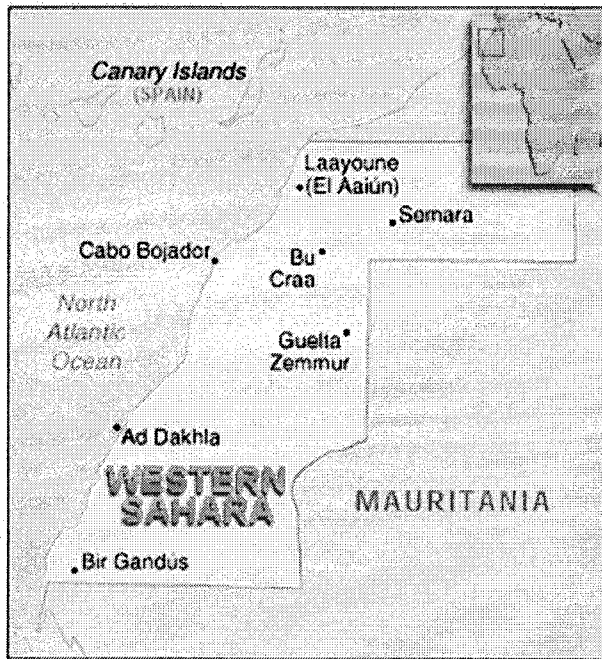
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WESTERN SAHARA: Polisario releases all remaining Moroccan prisoners of war

DAKAR, 18 Aug 2005 (IRIN) - The Polisario Front, which is fighting for Western Sahara to be recognised as an independent state, on Thursday released all remaining Moroccan prisoners-of-war, some of whom had been held in captivity for more than 20 years.

The International Committee of the Red Cross said 404 prisoners had been released in Tindouf, Algeria, following mediation by the United States, and were on their way home to Morocco.

"Their repatriation ends a long period of internment and marks an important step in resolving the humanitarian consequences of the conflict in Western Sahara," the Geneva-based group said in a statement.

United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan -- who earlier this month opposed scaling down the size of MINURSO, the UN mission in Western Sahara -- said he hoped that Thursday's prisoner

release would trigger other break-throughs.

"The Secretary-General considers the release a positive step and expresses his hope that it will serve to foster better relations between the parties and contribute to overcoming the present political impasse," his office said in a statement.

A territorial dispute has raged in Western Sahara for nearly 30 years, since former colonial power Spain withdrew from this sliver of desert land in 1976. Morocco moved in to fill the void, incurring the wrath of the Polisario who staked their own claim and vowed to fight for independence.

The prisoners released on Thursday were among more than 2,000 captured in the 16-year armed guerrilla campaign the Polisario waged against the Moroccan forces, which came to an end with a UN-brokered ceasefire in 1991.

The release of the final 404 was overseen by US Senator Dick Lugar at the request of US President George W Bush.

However, 14 years after the ceasefire and with all Moroccan prisoners released, the political dispute rumbles on. The UN has spent more than US \$600 million since the guns fell silent trying to find a solution to the conflict.

It estimates Western Sahara is home to around 460,000 people although 150,000 of them are currently living in refugee camps in neighbouring Algeria, where many have spent the last 30 years.

Late last month, Annan appointed a new special envoy for Western Sahara -- Peter Van Walsum, a Dutch diplomat.

The current peace deal, put on the table in 2003, provides for Western Sahara to be given self-rule for a period of four to five years. After that, its long-term residents and the refugees in Algerian camps would vote in a referendum to choose whether the territory is to be fully integrated with Morocco, continue to have autonomy within the Moroccan state, or become independent.

The plan has been accepted by the Polisario movement, but rejected by Morocco.

Mohamed Sidati, the Polisario's minister delegate for Europe said that his movement had done their part by releasing the remaining prisoners on Thursday and suggested that the ball was now in Morocco's court.

"As a result of this gesture, the Polisario Front has no further debts to anyone, there are no possible reproaches to be made," Sidati said in a statement published on the internet.

"This will contribute, we hope, to generate a climate which will favour a dynamic for peace, which we would like to believe will be irreversible," he said.

There was no official comment from Morocco.

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BYLINE: By DOMINIQUE DE VILLEPIN

BODY:

Europe is in crisis. Yet never have its peoples so forcefully expressed their hope to see a Europe of values and determination, capable of addressing their social imperatives, being built. True to our continent's history and our vision of the future, France wants to move forward with them on the path mapped by Jacques Chirac, French president.

All around, states are organising to get the most out of globalisation. India is moving closer to China; Brazil, South Africa and other emerging countries conduct one-third of their foreign trade with each other; South American countries are developing economic ties. We must be able to defend our political, economic and social interests, presenting a united front.

This is imperative for security: in the face of the terrorist threat, the risk of biological, chemical and nuclear weapons proliferation and illegal immigration, there can be only a collective response. This is imperative for growth and jobs: it was European collective pressure that allowed us to cut Chinese textile imports. This is imperative for gaining control of our future: the cost of research investments is too heavy for a single country. Becoming or staying the best in health, agri-foodstuffs, advanced materials and aerospace requires us to pool capabilities. It is an imperative finally for the defence of our values: democracy, human rights and cultural diversity are founding characteristics of our common project.

Either we give ourselves the resources to build this new political Europe, or we resign ourselves to making our continent a vast free-trade area, governed by the rules of competition. Everyone must put an end to the ambiguity through action. We need ambitious projects.

First: European economic governance. Europe is the world's leading trade power. Twelve member states, including France, have created a stable and protective currency: the euro. And yet growth remains below that of the US and Asia and unemployment is still high. So I propose a dialogue between the eurogroup and the European Central Bank to define, while respecting the ECB's independence, a genuine European economic government for eurozone countries. I also suggest that we consider together the economic challenges confronting Europe: given the oil price rise, for example, how can it be that we have not yet had a debate on managing strategic reserves?

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Second: agriculture. It has made Europe independent with regard to food supply, made Europe the world's second-largest agricultural power, and given it huge economic power. At a time when the food problem is becoming urgent worldwide, we have to strengthen our agriculture while pursuing its adaptation. European consumers want to be sure they will not encounter supply or health problems and that prices will remain affordable: only the Common Agricultural Policy enables us to take up these challenges.

Third: innovation and research. There are not, on one side, "old" Europeans committed to the CAP and, on the other, "modern" Europeans defending the Lisbon strategy. We are all looking to the future, as the siting of the Iter research reactor in Cadarache demonstrates. But to address under-exploitation of European strengths in physics, mathematics and chemistry, I propose the creation in France of one or two European research and technology institutes. They will be open to all European states wishing to participate. In France we have decided to create "competitiveness centres" to bring together high-level, but widely dispersed skills: why should they not take on a European dimension?

Fourth: European security. Police co-operation, exchanges of intelligence and border controls form the basis of internal security: in this framework Britain, Germany, Spain, Italy and France are moving forward. On defence, progress achieved must serve as a basis for still-closer co-operation.

Fifth: European democracy. Identity has been forged through support for common values. Student exchanges under the Erasmus programme are strengthening this feeling, paving the way for the emergence of a European democracy. But this programme is confined to a limited number. The European voluntary service is itself embryonic. So I propose a debate on creating a genuine European service, which would give all young Europeans the opportunity of working in the humanitarian sector or emergency services outside their home countries.

Europe's peoples have never been so close. Like France and Germany, they want political leaders to come to find solutions rather than just raise issues. Mr Chirac paved the way at the Brussels summit by accepting a budget compromise, just as he had accepted a compromise on the CAP in 2002. Europe must take the initiative. Our peoples want a new political Europe, with a capacity for action, a conscience and a moral code. Europe has become the testing ground for new political, economic and social ideas. Let Europe speak out.

The writer is prime minister of France

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[handwritten:] Dear George,

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In these painful circumstances, I would like to convey the solidarity of the French people, as well as my sincerest condolences for the tragic loss of so many of your fellow citizens.

Please accept, Mr. President, the expression of my highest consideration
[handwritten:] and my solidarity in this ordeal.

Jacques Chirac

His Excellency
Mr. George W. Bush
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WASHINGTON

September 5, 2005

His Excellency
Jacques Chirac
President of the French Republic
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Dear Jacques:

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We also thank you for your message of condolence regarding the destruction caused by Hurricane Katrina. The horrible loss of life and the suffering of so many people have been devastating and tragic.

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Date : August 31, 2005

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This letter forwards a message from President Jacques Chirac to President George W. Bush.

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Le Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

n° 2354

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LE PRÉSIDENT DE LA RÉPUBLIQUE.

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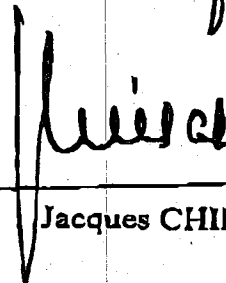
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Chu George,

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En ces circonstances très douloureuses, je tiens à vous exprimer la solidarité du peuple français, ainsi que mes plus sincères condoléances pour la disparition tragique de tant de vos compatriotes.

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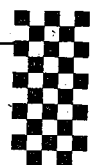
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A l'attention de / To : office of
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De la part de / From : **M. Guillaume Lacroix**
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Date : September 27, 2005

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Please find herewith a letter from Ambassador Jean-David Levitte. This letter forwards a message from President Jacques Chirac to President George W. Bush.

Yours sincerely,

SS

*Ambassade de France
aux Etats-Unis*

L' Ambassadeur

n° 2579

Washington, September 27, 2005

Dear Mr. Hadley: *Dear Steve,*

Please find herewith a message addressed to President George W. Bush from Mr. Jacques Chirac, President of the French Republic, who asked the Embassy to forward it to him.

Also enclosed is an unofficial translation.

I would be grateful if you would be so kind as to convey this letter to the President.

With high regards,

Yours sincerely



Jean-David Levitte

*The Honorable Stephen J. Hadley
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THE FRENCH-AMERICAN FOUNDATION

You are invited
To a reception in honor of the 2005 Young Leaders

graciously hosted by the Honorable Elizabeth Frawley Bagley
former U.S. Ambassador to Portugal.

Wednesday, September 14, 2005, at 6:00 PM

The reception will take place at *Mille Fleurs*, Ambassador Bagley's
residence in Georgetown at 1539 29th street, NW

We hope that you will be able to join us and meet the 2005 Young Leaders

*Please complete the following and return it at your earliest convenience,
and no later than **September 7, 2005**, to Fax: (212) 829-8810.*

_____ Yes, I will attend the event

_____ No, I will not be able to attend

Name: _____

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Dear Ms. Shinagel,

The French-American Foundation annually invites a carefully selected group of 30 up-and-coming leaders from France and the United States, drawn from all walks of life, to spend a rather intensive four days together discussing issues of common concern. The meetings, which began in 1981, have been very successful in fostering the development of a new network of transatlantic leaders. As you will see from the enclosed list of 2005 Young Leaders, we set the highest standards in selecting participants.

This year's meeting will take place in Washington, DC, and Charlottesville. While in Washington, Ambassador Elizabeth Frawley Bagley will graciously host a reception on the evening of September 14, at 6:00 pm, at her residence, *Mille Fleurs* (1539 29th Street, NW). We hope to introduce the Young Leaders to important members of the government and diplomatic community, and I sincerely hope that you might be able to join us.

I know the group would benefit greatly from the opportunity to spend time with you. And I am confident that, in turn, you would enjoy the interaction with this extraordinary group of rising leaders from both countries. If you could kindly respond to (212) 829-8800 ext. 17 or by fax before September 7, we would be grateful. I look forward to hearing back from you.

With best regards,

Sincerely,



Anthony A. Smith
President

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Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy
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Please find herewith a letter from Mr. Denis Pietton, Chargé d'Affaires a. i.
This letter forwards a message from President Jacques Chirac to President George W. Bush.

Yours sincerely,

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*Le Chargé d'Affaires a.i.**Washington, August 12, 2005**Dear Mr. Hadley:*

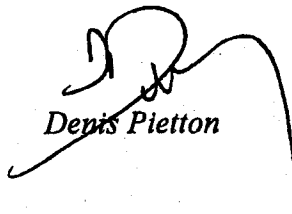
Please find herewith a message addressed to President George W. Bush from Mr. Jacques Chirac, President of the French Republic, who asked the Embassy to forward it to him.

Also enclosed is an unofficial translation.

I would be grateful if you would be so kind as to convey this message to the President.

With high regards,

Yours sincerely


Denis Pietton

*The Honorable Stephen J. Hadley
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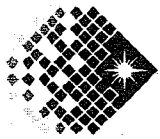
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Analysis

France-Israel: Media Say Sharon Visit Marks Rapprochement, Differences Remain

French and Israeli media portrayed the warm atmosphere prevailing during Prime Minister Sharon's 26-29 July visit to Paris as symbolizing a new chapter in Franco-Israeli relations. Most outlets attributed the improvement to the two sides' converging views on key issues, but some noted France's desire to challenge the US role in the Middle East peace process. Outlets in both countries also cautioned that important differences persist between the sides.

Historic Rapprochement Noted Media in both countries depicted Sharon's meetings with French leaders as bathing in warmth, reminiscent of the pre-June 1967 war period. This was in marked contrast with the deeply negative coverage of Sharon's visit to Paris four years ago.

- An editorial in the daily-of-record *Le Monde* cited both Chirac and Sharon as hailing the "exceptional warmth" of their talks, which was a "rare" characterization, noted *Le Monde*, given the "usually bad" relations between Israel and France since 1967 (31 July-1 August). France-2 television and left-of-center daily *Liberation* also focused on this theme (27 July).
- Similarly, Israeli television, as well as commentary in the daily-of-record *Ha'aretz* and right-of-center *The Jerusalem Post*, highlighted the positive atmosphere (27, 28 July).
- By contrast, Radio France Internationale called Sharon's July 2001 talks with French leaders a "dialogue of the deaf" (6 July 2001), while an Israeli reporter recalled that French media had portrayed Sharon as a "Nazi Wehrmacht trooper" (*The Jerusalem Post*, 29 July).

Daily of Record Says Paris Challenging US Role While media in both countries saw the rapprochement as reflecting the sides' converging interests, *Le Monde* ascribed it primarily to Paris' aspiration to play a more active role in the Mideast peace process.

- Reports and commentaries noted the sides' recent "convergence" of views on terrorism, Iran's nuclear threat, Syria's role in Lebanon, and the fight against anti-Semitism as underlying their rapprochement (*Le Figaro*, *Liberation*, 27-28 July; *Ha'aretz*, 22, 28 July).
- Beyond this convergence, stressed *Le Monde's* editorial, "the new tone between Paris and Jerusalem" reflects France's fundamental understanding that it must gain Israel's confidence if it wishes to challenge the US "monopoly of political influence" in the peace process. This is also "good news for the Palestinians," concluded the editorial (31 July-1 August).

Differences Remain Despite their rapprochement, the two sides differ on key issues.

- A *Ha'aretz* commentary said Chirac, unlike Sharon, saw Hizballah as playing a "stabilizing role" in Lebanon (28 July), while *Le Figaro* and *Liberation* reported potential discord over Sharon's plans for the West Bank after Israel's disengagement from Gaza (27, 28 July).

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- French Bar Final Exam certificate (1981)
- One-year postgraduate diploma in political science with distinction (dissertation on the referendum of 27 April 1969)
- Paris Institute of Political Studies (1979-1981)
- Former member of the Paris Bar

Published works;

- *Georges Mandel, Le Moine de la Politique* – Editions Grasset – 1994
- *Au bout de la passion, l'équilibre* – Interview with Michel Denisot – Editions Albin Michel – 1995
- *Libre* – Editions XO/Robert Laffont – January 2001
- *The Republic, Religions and Hope* - 2005

Elective and political offices:

- *Ministre d'Etat*, Minister of the Interior (since May 2005)
- President of the Union of the Popular Movement (UMP) (since November 2004)
- Member of the RPR Policy Commission
- *Ministre d'Etat*, Minister of the Economy, Finance and Industry (31 March 2004 – November 2004)
- Minister of the Interior, Internal Security and Local Freedoms under the government of Jean-Pierre Raffarin, Prime Minister following the re-election of Jacques Chirac (7 May 2002 – March 2004)
- Chairman of the Hauts-de-Seine General Council (1 April 2004)
- Member of the General Council for the Neuilly-sur-Seine northern division (21 March 2004)

- Mayor of Neuilly-sur-Seine (1983 – 2002)
- National Assembly Deputy for Hauts-de-Seine (6th constituency) (1988-2002)
- Chairman of the Rassemblement pour la République (RPR) Hauts-de-Seine Département Committee (3 May 2000)
- Head of the Démocratie Libérale (RPR-DL) campaign for June 1999 European elections
- Acting Chairman of the RPR (April 1999 – October 1999)
- General Secretary of the RPR (6 February 1998)
- Coordinator and spokesperson for the RPR party transition team (10 July 1997)
- Minister of Communication (1994 – 1995)
- Government Spokesperson (1993 – 1995)
- Minister of the Budget (1993-1995)
- Deputy General Secretary of the RPR, in charge of the Federations (1992-1993)
- Co-Director of the French right wing multiparty campaign for European elections (1989)
- National Secretary of the RPR, in charge of Youth Events, Youth and Training (1989)
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- Vice-Chairman of the Hauts-de-Seine General Council in charge of Education and Culture (1986 – 1988)
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Man and God in France

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NICOLAS SARKOZY. *La République, les religions, l'espérance*. EDITIONS DU CERF. 172 PAGES. €17.

IN THIS LAST American election cycle, political observers noted a significant gap between the ways in which George W. Bush and John Kerry approached the delicate matter of politics and religion. Bush was comfortable proclaiming his faith as an integral, if not the most essential, aspect of his life. Kerry, on the other hand, was considerably more reticent. Much of his rhetoric seemed to suggest that American politics is simply a secular affair, in which all political claims derived from religious teaching are prima facie illegitimate, because values cannot or should not be imposed on others who do not share them. These two Americans are poles apart regarding the manner in which they discuss religion and politics, and their disparity highlights the increasing differences with which American conservatives and American liberals and most Europeans view the role of religion in public life.

On the other side of the Atlantic, Nicolas Sarkozy, formerly France's interior minister and minister of finance, who was recently overwhelmingly elected as leader of France's major center-right political party, is causing a stir with his singular understanding of this question. His new book, *La République, les religions, l'espérance* (*The Republic, religions, and hope*),

is being touted as a quasi-revolutionary document that seeks to redefine relations between religion and politics in France. In it he unveils his "personal sentiments," the result of his experience in political life, condensed and revealed in a series of interviews. Most Americans, plagued either by a Francophilia that wants to enlist France's muscular military forces and diplomatic finesse in the war against terrorism, or a Francophobia that condemns France, its history, and all it has ever produced as a spineless and subversive menace beyond any hope of rapprochement, don't seem to be noticing. Few Americans even attempt to steer a via media toward a more measured (one hesitates to say "nuanced") understanding of the proper relationship between America and France, or to appreciate potential friends among the allegedly homogeneously oppositional French.

A protégé of Jacques Chirac in the 1970s, Nicolas Sarkozy is an unabashedly ambitious politician who is currently Chirac's most feared rival, and is positioning himself to capture the French presidency in 2007. A deal was struck in early September 2004 between Chirac and Sarkozy that would allow Sarkozy to run for head of the Union for a Popular Movement (UMP), Chirac's moderate conservative party, if he promised to resign as minister of finance in November. Now Sarkozy is head of the UMP, a potential springboard to the presidency.

IT MIGHT SEEM strange that a former finance minister who managed the important though relatively prosaic job of trying to spur France's perennially flagging economy would now be in the national spotlight for raising the question of religion and politics in France. But as minister of the interior, Sarkozy has increased police presence in Muslim neighborhoods and worked energetically and optimistically with the recently formed French Council on the Muslim Religion (CFCM) and its Union of Islamic Organizations of France (UOIF) in the hope of dissuading Muslim leaders from embracing extremist politics and integrating them into democratic processes. By appealing to, and indeed clearly appreciating, religious believers in national life, "Sarko" seems to be breathing new life into demons long thought dead and fanning the flames of spirits that haven't yet been killed. France's elites are not taking kindly to his ideas: In an interview in *L'Express*, he was told that his book was "disturbing," and he was derided for his "offensive manner."

France's religious demons were supposed to have been exorcized with the enactment in 1905 of a law forbidding state funding of religion. This was the culmination of a hundred-year religious war of sorts that began when - after the often strange and violent events following the beginning of the French Revolution in 1789 - *laïcité* triumphed, and religion was banished from the public square, hopefully to die a slow and quiet death in the hearts of the last few believers.

But with the influx of Muslim immigrants from the Maghreb, of whom there are now at least 5 million and counting - including a burgeoning number of youth - the challenge and political necessity of integrating them into France's increasingly secular society has fallen to its political leaders. Sarkozy has thus far been the most visible and articulate interpreter of the question of religion and politics and his views have come into daylight with the publication of this book. *La Republic* vigorously challenges France's existing laws and status quo, reinvigorates questions about the soul, and throws into doubt widely accepted and encrusted beliefs about the temporal and the eternal. While Sarkozy's practical concern is how to improve French society and promote tolerance among Muslims, Jews, Christians, and nonbelievers in France, his overall approach to the question of religion and society has

much in common with the views of many American conservatives.

Although it is unwise to try to make windows into men's souls to know their true beliefs, what is incontrovertibly true is that Nicolas Sarkozy is the son of a Hungarian emigrant father and a French Jewish mother, and he is also a member of the Roman Catholic Church. As he puts it, "I am of Catholic culture, Catholic tradition, Catholic faith. Even if my religious practice is episodic, I acknowledge myself as a member of the Catholic Church." Furthermore, he believes that "spiritual need and hope are not satisfied by the republican ideal. . . . [The republic] is the best way to live together, but it is not the finality of man." Sarkozy acknowledges the importance of religion in France and of the religious sphere in life generally. He follows America's friendly critic, Alexis de Tocqueville, who advised Americans to avoid the tragedies of Europe's past by not integrating politics and religion too closely, but also cautioned us not to remove either from human life altogether. His views stand in stark contrast to those of most contemporary secular French politicians, who see no place for this outmoded, superstitious, dangerous, and apparently superfluous aspect of human life. Sarkozy's book appeared on the heels of a summer in which Christianity's meaning and impact on Europe's traditions and contemporary life had been hotly debated, with scant success achieved by religious leaders.

It is important to make a distinction regarding political secularism that is often forgotten. Sarkozy recoils from any "sectarian" understanding of *laïcité* and is unequivocally committed to secular democracy. Good secular government also ensures that religious leaders do not manage the untidy business of political power, in spite of all temptation. Spiritual and temporal powers must remain separate, and Sarkozy opposes writing God into the European constitution. But he is an opponent of the absolute secularization of society that attempts to remove any and all religious influence from human life.

WHILE THE 1905 law's explicit intention was to deny any state-sanctioned religion, its effectual end was the crippling of the Catholic religion in public life by denying it, or any other religion, government funding. In contradistinction to this stark division between the secular and the sacred, Sarkozy favors a "*laïcité positive*," one that guarantees the right to live one's religion as a fundamental right. To his mind, this includes providing public funding for religions. If soccer fields, libraries, and theaters all benefit from public funding, Sarkozy wonders, why shouldn't religious communities, which also promote cultural flourishing, also receive funds? While he doesn't favor earmarking funds to build mosques per se, he favors funding for parking lots for them, as well as for Muslim "cultural centers." Sarkozy recognizes that the 1905 law was the result of a delicate "equilibrium," reached after divisions that tore the nation, and thus "it is necessary to reflect carefully" before breaking with the spirit of the law. Without modifying its basic structure, he favors public financing of the "great religions" of France. To that end, he advocates funding "national republican" education for religious leaders, reasoning that it is preferable to have imams educated in French universities and speaking French than to have imams educated abroad who are hostile to the existing republic. It also discourages the clandestine extremism that plagues many *banlieues*, the often decrepit Muslim-dominated neighborhoods of France's largest cities, and promotes transparency of religious education.

Sarkozy is not about to fling France back into the Dark Ages: He's wary of "those who call for a return to the past The search for solutions by looking backwards is at the antipodes of my reflexes." But he makes an adroit observation about life: "My long-held

conviction is that the need for hope is consubstantial to human existence; and that what makes religious liberty so important is that it is in reality a matter of the liberty to hope."

More potential dangers seem to attend believing ages (without forgetting the militant atheism of the twentieth century). For this reason it might seem sensible (or at least useful, if not politically necessary) to advocate removing that threat by tempering and eventually eliminating it altogether through the process of secularizing all aspects of life. But the long-term prospects of a universalized secularism are dubious at best, for some of the deepest sources of decent political life may be obscured or effaced in the process of hyper-secularization. Regarding the question of forbidding young Muslim females from wearing the veil at school, Sarkozy defended the ban without being as viscerally supportive of it as some of France's more secular politicians. He viewed the fact that many young Muslims ignored the prohibition as a reflex of cultural identity in a secular society that they perceive as hostile. Moreover, he sees the veil question as a matter of freedom of expression, though one which can only be protected within the framework of *laïcité*.

A persuasive argument could be made that the welcome approval of religion in France could lead to increased levels of anti-Semitism and a reduction of tolerance among sects and factions. France's historical and contemporary anti-Semitism is a stain and a poison. It compelled Theodor Herzl to declare that if the French Jew Alfred Dreyfus could be unjustly convicted of treason in 1894 in a country whose fundamental principles proclaimed the universal *liberté, égalité, and fraternité* of all men, then there could be no completely satisfying settlement on the Jewish question between Jews and any modern liberal democracy. However, Sarkozy is himself of Jewish descent and therefore particularly sensitive to such threats, and in any case France's periodic spates of anti-Semitic animus seem to have deeper roots that haven't been eradicated with the advent of secular political institutions, liberal or otherwise. The existence and continued influence of Jean-Marie Le Pen is a case in point. Sarkozy reserves the possibility "for the state to expel by military force any imam who exhorts hatred toward Jews, the West, or modern societies." As the CFCM gains in credibility and stature, "responsible" Jews, Muslims, and Christians must, through dialogue, "act hand in hand" to combat racism and xenophobia.

In continuing to affirm the pluralism of the French Republic, Sarkozy allows for competition among religions, which has long been a useful means to block the takeover of politics by a single dominant religion. This is unquestionably a difficult balancing act, as it has been in times past, but can it really be asserted that with Europe's current lack of fervor in faith there is any serious impending danger to the rights of its citizens? Both the American and the French systems of government lay claim to being dedicated to political freedom. Surely both countries can be counted on to continue to affirm the superiority of their political organizations over the undemocratic and corrupt governments of the world.

In Sarkozy's mind, religion answers an important need in any healthy society. A stable balance between religion and good politics can be achieved without sanctioning a state religion and forced proselytism, and without favoring one religion over another. Sarkozy doesn't fail to point out that the religion which he has worked hardest to incorporate into French society, Islam, is not his own. He has labored for it not in the name of his own faith but in the name of the republic. While he is a proud defender of the established French Republic (and its intransigent division between the autonomy of the political, governed by free human beings, and religious authority), he realizes equally the need and importance of religion in any society, Muslim, Christian, Jewish, or otherwise. "The spiritual question," he

says, "is one of hope, of hope to have, after death, a perspective of accomplishment in eternity."

ONE OF THE ultimate questions is whether a rational and enlightened (or irrationally enlightened) Europe has really figured things out, once and for all. Can people live contentedly in a post-historical paradise of material pursuit? Or is there something not completely satisfying about those circumstances? The debate over religion in Europe is whether it was a noxious (and now discredited) fairy tale that caused needless bloodshed and suffering in the Middle Ages, or an important part of society, the absence of which caused needless bloodshed and suffering in the century just past. Clearly, both alternatives in their extremes sought to establish unnatural utopias on earth. The attempt to satisfy religious longings was horrifyingly damaging to decent political and social life in the Middle Ages. But the attempted extirpation by force of the unsatisfied religious longing from Nazi Germany and Communist Russia was equally, if not more horrifyingly, damaging to Europe. Its *unforced* extirpation in some of the liberal democracies of the West is damaging in its own way. In Sarkozy's eyes, "religions must exist elsewhere besides in the museums, and the churches must not become nostalgic conservatories of a glorious past. . . . We're not in the USSR where the churches became markets and gymnasiums." He sees in religious structures "a factor of integration, of meetings, of exchanges, whichever religion is concerned."

Although Sarkozy must know that there are considerable risks involved in melding democracy and Islam, he refuses to countenance the possibility of their ultimate incompatibility, dismissing such suggestions as "irresponsible." This may well be rhetoric intended to appeal to potential Muslim democrats, but it may indeed be irresponsible not to consider, or to underemphasize, the ways in which Islam has manifested itself in the past, and its tolerance (or lack) of political freedom. The French must therefore confront the terrible possibility that Islam as it has existed in the past and their secular democracy may not be able to unite over the long term. Sarkozy isn't so naïve as not to realize that religion can be used to justify violence and intolerance. A real clash of civilizations could occur if he and his allies fail to guide French politics successfully, as Tocqueville warned at the beginning of the democratic era. To be sure, Tocqueville's isn't the last word on the matter, and many faithful Muslims, like Dalil Boubakeur, the head of the Paris mosque, are more sanguine than he was about establishing a democratic Islam. Muslim citizens enjoy the same rights as others, as Sarkozy makes clear, and they should not be deprived of their right to believe. Time and time again, Sarkozy insists that there must be an Islam of France, not an Islam in France.

The CFCM is intended to organize and represent Muslim believers by allowing them to associate publicly, to encourage dialogue with others and thus promote democratic compromise, and to deprive the extremists of their main arguments. Regional councils have also been created, encouraging local representation. In addition, Sarkozy favors educating more young Muslims in public administration, which has so far been a successful experiment at the prestigious Sciences-Po.

Sarkozy's strong support of religion in public life may shock people who believe that taking religion seriously is symptomatic of nostalgia for the dark ages. However, he knows there can be absolutely no thought of going back to pre-democratic times. Secular democratic politics and some degree of materialism are acceptable if tempered by a pre-democratic

religious inheritance outside the contours of secular modernity. Sarkozy is said to "love" American culture, and even met with Tom Cruise (whom he regards as a "great actor") during the American's recent trip to Paris.

In the absence - or nonarrival - of a new age of German-inspired gods disclosing themselves to men to light up our horizon for the better, we might be witnessing the revitalization of a moderate religious influence on modern democratic life. Europe's current leaders and many of its citizens will hardly be keen on such a prospect: Hollywood films on Saturday night and mass on Sunday - *quelle horreur!* The coexistence of mosque-goers and shameless Euro Disney tourists with sophisticated Gauloise-smoking *grande école* graduates will be trying at the very least. But Sarkozy's ambitious plans may be steering French democracy in that direction. If he is unsuccessful the alternatives may be far uglier. None of his critics has proposed a feasible alternative strategy.

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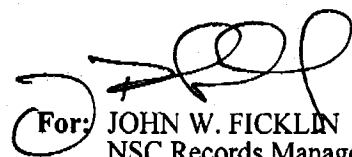
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BOMBINGS IN LONDON: A Diplomatic Squabble

INTELLIGENCE

Politics Intrudes in Bombing Inquiry, Deepening the French-British Rift

By ELAINE SCIOLINO

LONDON, July 16 — Britain's era of good will with Europe lasted 48 hours — all because of the French.

In the wake of the July 7 terrorist attacks in London, Scotland Yard brought together law enforcement and intelligence officials from two dozen European countries and the United States, sharing crucial intelligence and pleading for help in tracking down the bombers.

But the continentwide kumbaya was shattered when Christophe Chaboud, France's new antiterrorism coordinator, broke the cardinal rule of the club.

He leaked.

In an interview with *Le Monde* that appeared on the newsstands last Monday afternoon — two days after the exceptionally open briefing — Mr. Chaboud announced to the world that he knew "the nature of the explosives" used in the London bombings.

It "appears to be military, which is very worrisome," he said, adding, "We're more used to cells making homemade explosives from chemical substances. How did they get them? Either by trafficking, for example, in the Balkans, or they had someone on the inside who enabled them to get them out of a military base."

But Mr. Chaboud did not stop with his assessments of the explosives and their origins, which, it turned out, were completely wrong. He plunged into politics, railing at the British with an I-told-you-so air that Europe was a more dangerous place because of the war in Iraq.

"The war in Iraq has revived the logic of total conflict against the west," he declared, without adding the obvious, that Britain supported

the war and France did not.

The British reacted with fury, sending off communiqués to a number of its European friends that expressed deep disappointment that the bonds of trust had been broken, two European officials who received the missives said.

The sense of betrayal has been acute. The British overture to its friends was rare in the intelligence and law enforcement world, where information is often shared only on a bilateral basis and only when it benefits a country's own national security.

At a moment when Europe is facing a threat that knows no boundaries, the rift between the countries

An intelligence leak disrupts a fleeting moment of good will between allies.

with the most sophisticated intelligence services in Europe is particularly troubling.

There is concern among intelligence services that the bombings in Madrid in March 2004 and in London nine days ago are part of a larger terrorist war against Europe and that Italy or Denmark could be next.

But since the French leak, the British have been much more suspicious of traitors in their midst, doling out dollops of information on a need-to-know basis.

"The gentleman," said the director of a European law enforcement agency, "talked too much."

So poisonous is the atmosphere that the talk in European intelligence circles is that the British feel that the French may have leaked bad infor-

mation on purpose.

"My friends in London are furious at the French about this," said the director of a European intelligence agency. "They believe they released this incorrect information deliberately." The result, he added, is "there's not much good will left between them."

While that may be going much too far, what is clear is that Franco-British rivalry is exceptionally intense these days.

First, there was the verbal battle between the French president, Jacques Chirac, and the British prime minister, Tony Blair, in Brussels last month, when each accused the other of greed and responsibility for the failure of the European Union summit meeting.

Then came Mr. Chirac's jokes (overheard by a *Liberation* reporter) to the German chancellor, Gerhard Schröder, and the Russian president, Vladimir V. Putin, in Kaliningrad earlier this month. "The only thing" that Britain "has done for European agriculture is mad cow," Mr. Chirac was quoted as saying, adding, "You can't trust people who have such lousy cooking."

That was topped by London's victory over Paris in winning the competition to serve as the host for the 2012 Olympics, a decision that prompted Paris's mayor, Bertrand Delanoë, to essentially accuse the British of bribery. Then followed Mr. Chirac's Bastille Day speech seven days after the London bombings in which he declared France's superiority over Britain in health care, the fight against poverty and expenditures on education and research.

Intelligence-sharing between Britain and France has traditionally transcended politics.

Eliza Manningham-Buller, the director general of MI5, Britain's domestic intelligence agency, was in Paris just days before the bombings



President Jacques Chirac of France in a Bastille Day parade in Paris last week. Mr. Chirac's continuing feud with Prime Minister Tony Blair of Britain has contributed to the growing tensions between the countries.

on an unannounced visit to exchange ideas with her French counterpart, Pierre de Bousquet, French officials said.

Senior officials at France's equivalent of the Central Intelligence Agency, the Directorate General of External Security, routinely praise their close working relationship with Britain.

Still, these are not normal times. Far from being chastened after Mr. Chaboud's revelations to *Le Monde*, France blundered again.

After an emergency European Union summit meeting of justice and interior ministers in Brussels last Wednesday, the French interior minister, Nicolas Sarkozy (Mr. Chaboud's boss) suggested that part of the cell responsible for the London terror attacks had been arrested before, apparently referring to a large police and intelligence operation, code-named Operation Crevice.

against an ethnic Pakistani cell.

"It seems that part of this team had been subject to partial arrest" in the spring of 2004, Mr. Sarkozy told reporters. In a veiled criticism of the British, Mr. Sarkozy described that development as making "the work of the police services across Europe extremely difficult."

The remarks prompted an immediate response from the British home secretary, Charles Clarke, who had called for the meeting. "There is absolutely no foundation in them," Mr. Clarke, speaking at a news conference, said of Mr. Sarkozy's remarks to the press. He added, "I'm sorry to be so blunt, but that is the state of affairs."

Asked whether he had confronted Mr. Sarkozy directly about his statements, Mr. Clarke said there had not been the opportunity since Mr. Sarkozy left the meeting "halfway through."

"He didn't feel it was appropriate to stay to the end of the discussions," Mr. Clarke said. "Perhaps it's his style."

Apparently referring to Mr. Sarkozy's presidential aspirations in 2007, Mr. Clarke got a big laugh when he added: "But he's a great leader of France. And I wish him the best."

Meanwhile, the investigation continues, with British police and intelligence officials handling the information they share with their European counterparts with extreme care.

"This leak by the French has been very badly perceived," said a senior intelligence official in one European police force. "Since then, it's no longer worth it to try to get information from the British."

The official used longstanding French slang to express how difficult it was now to get information on the bombings, saying, "Now we have to pull worms from their noses."

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From: Volker, Kurt D.
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2005 8:01 PM
To: Shinagel, Eva; Buentello, Irene
Subject: RE: Request for a meeting with Mr. Crouch

sounds right that he should do this. go ahead and do a note to propose scheduling. - kv

-----Original Message-----

From: Shinagel, Eva
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2005 7:52 PM
To: Buentello, Irene; Volker, Kurt D.
Subject: RE: Request for a meeting with Mr. Crouch

If I recall properly, Levitte mentioned this to JDC during his meeting on Monday, and JDC said he knew (of) him and would be happy to meet...Let me check with Kozak's recollection.

-----Original Message-----

From: Buentello, Irene
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2005 5:52 PM
To: Volker, Kurt D.; Shinagel, Eva
Subject: FW: Request for a meeting with Mr. Crouch

fyi:

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From: ROUGE Elisabeth [mailto:Elisabeth.ROUGE@diplomatie.gouv.fr]
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2005 5:16 PM
To: Buentello, Irene
Subject: Request for a meeting with Mr. Crouch

Dear Irene,

Mr. Pierre Moscovici, former French Minister for Foreign Affairs, now member of the European Parliament and in charge of International Relations at the French Socialist Party (PS), will be in Washington on Friday, June 17, and would like to meet Mr. Crouch.

I would be grateful if you could propose a time for a meeting.

Thanks in advance and best regards.

Elisabeth

Elisabeth Rouge
Mr. Pietton's Office
French Embassy
tel: (202) 944-6123

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From: Buentello, Irene X. (Europe-NSC)
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2005 12:30 PM
To: Shinagel, Eva (Europe-NSC)
Subject: You received a phone call from Martin Briens, Counselor, French Emb. [UNCLASSIFIED, Non-Record]

Called: 0
Phone Number: 944 6137
Please Contact: Martin Briens, Counselor, French Emb
Please Call: -1
Returned Call: 0
WantsToSee: 0
Will Call: 0

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wants a courtesy mtg with you, tomorrow Tuesday if possible, maybe 11:00 a.m. if you are available. please advise, thanks,

10-11am