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	13 1. I told the Italian Foreign Minister today 16 September that,
	14 following our useful meeting with Cheysson in Athens, at which it
	15 was clear that the three of us were very much in agreement about
	16 Lebanon and the MNF, and following also Mr Luce's visit to Beirut
	17 which had confirmed our own assessments, I wanted to propose a
	18 <u>coordinated programme of diplomatic approaches</u> aimed at helping
	19 <u>a peace settlement to evolve.</u> Andreotti welcomed the idea, and
	20 <u>I gave him a piece of paper</u> in the form of a a draft COREU with
	21 detailed proposals. An amended <u>version of the paper</u> , worked out
///	22 jointly with the Italian Political Director, <u>is in MIFT.</u>
//	23 2. Andreotti argued that the French would have nothing to do
/	24 with this idea if it was put out by COREU on the political
	25 cooperation net, and I subsequently agreed with him that it might

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 2 be better to go for action by the three European MNF contributors,
 3 and not to try to carry the others with us.
 4 3. Bullard subsequently gave the text in MIFT to the French
 5 Ambassador. He explained that I was inclined to accept
 6 Andreotti's proposal of limiting action to the three, and
 7 therefore asked de Margerie to ignore the first paragraph.
 8 de Margerie asked one or two questions of detail, but said that
 9 in general the proposal seemed to be compatible with what he
 10 knew of his Government's position. He would let us have French
 11 comments as soon as possible: Bullard has since spoken by
 12 telephone to Andreani to alert him: [I was not able to reach
 13 Cheysson as I should have liked to do.]
 14 4. Copy addressees should treat this telegram as being for
 15 their own information only at this stage.

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