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 Subject: French veto - urgent  
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The French Ambassador has just called, on instructions from the Elysee, to say that Chirac's comment "Whatever happens, France will vote no" needs to be read in the context of what he said immediately before about 2 hypotheses - either our resolution gets nine votes or it doesn't. In other words, the Ambassador claims that it is not the case that he said that he would vote no against any resolution.

GR- House please pass to Clare etc

Matthew  
*Sally P*  
*Do you have this?*  
*see above full text of Chirac - in French*

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