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SUBJECT: FRENCH PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS: UNOFFICIAL  
LIST OF CANDIDATES

1. SUMMARY. THIRTY-THREE CANDIDATES REMAINED IN THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE AT THE CLOSE OF NOMINATIONS MIDNIGHT, APRIL 16. BEFORE THE OFFICIAL LIST IS PUBLISHED ON APRIL 19, IT WILL BE SHARPLY CULLED AS THE CONSTITUTIONAL COUNCIL EXAMINES THE CANDIDATES' CREDENTIALS. AT LEAST ONE CANDIDATE WILL FAIL TO MEET THE 23-YEAR AGE LIMIT. OTHERS WILL BE UNABLE TO MAKE THE REQUIRED 10,000-FRANC DEPOSIT (FORFEITED WHEN CANDIDATES GET LESS THAN FIVE PERCENT OF THE VOTE) OR TO SECURE THE NECESSARY 100 VALID SIGNATURES OF "NOTABLES" FROM AT LEAST TEN DEPARTMENTS ON THEIR PETITIONS OF CANDIDATURE. WHEN THE CAMPAIGN OFFICIALLY OPENS APRIL 19, PROBABLY LESS THAN HALF OF THESE CANDIDATES WILL REMAIN. END SUMMARY.

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2. THE BIG THREE. THREE CANDIDATES HAVE A CHANCE OF

WINNING THE ELECTION.

VALERY GISCARD D'ESTAING, 48, CANDIDATE OF THE INDEPENDENT REPUBLICAN PARTY AND SUPPORTED BY JEAN LECANUET'S CENTER DEMOCRATS. OF FORMIDABLE INTELLIGENCE, HE HAS BEEN FINANCE MINISTER SINCE 1962 (EXCEPT 1967-69).

JACQUES CHABAN-DELMAS, 59, FORMER RUGBY AND TENNIS CHAMPION, WAR HERO, FOURTH REPUBLIC MINISTER AND POMPIDOU'S FIRST PRIME MINISTER, HE REBOUNDED FROM A 1972 TAX SCANDAL TO BECOME THE OFFICIAL GAULLIST CANDIDATE. HE HAS CALLED FOR A FRENCH "NEW SOCIETY" AND HAS A VAGUE REPUTATION AS A REFORMIST. HE RECENTLY HAS STRESSED ANTI-COMMUNISM IN HIS CAMPAIGN.

FRANCOIS MITTERRAND, 57, WHO RECEIVED 45 PERCENT OF THE VOTE AGAINST DE GAULLE IN THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS OF 1965. IN 1974 HE IS THE CANDIDATE OF THE "UNITED LEFT" OF SOCIALISTS, COMMUNISTS AND LEFT RADICALS, AND IS RUNNING ON A "COMMON PROGRAM" STRESSING HIGHER WAGES, A PRICE FREEZE, AND NATIONALIZATION OF NINE BIG INDUSTRIAL AND FINANCIAL FIRMS.

3. THREE OTHER SERIOUS CANDIDATES.

JEAN ROYER, 53, MAVERICK GAULLIST, MAYOR OF TOURS, FORMER MINISTER OF COMMERCE, AND RECENTLY-RESIGNED MINISTER OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS. THE SELF-PROCLAIMED CHAMPION OF TRADITIONAL FRENCH VALUES, HE HAS MADE A REPUTATION FIGHTING THE SPREAD OF SUPERMARKETS AND PORNOGRAPHY.

EMILE MULLER, 59, MAYOR OF MULHOUSE, REFORMATEUR DEPUTY AND CANDIDATE OF THE SMALL CENTER-LEFT PARTY, "MOUVEMENT DEMOCRATE SOCIALISTE DE FRANCE." WITH LECANUET AND SERVAN-SCHREIBER DECLINING TO RUN, MULLER IS THE ONLY SERIOUS CENTRIST CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT.

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JEAN-MARIE LE PEN, 45, FORMER DEPUTY AND CANDIDATE OF THE RIGHT-WING NATIONAL FRONT, WHO IS CAMPAIGNING AGAINST COMMUNISM, STRIKES AND ABORTIONS AND FOR HIGHER PENSIONS.

4. THE REST.

ROBERT-ELIE AZOULAY, PHYSICIAN. FOUNDER AND CANDIDATE

OF THE TINY FRENCH LIBERAL PARTY.

STEPHANE BAUMONT, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE COMMITTEE  
FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY SPORT.

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JEAN-FRANCOIS BESSON, COMPANY DIRECTOR.

MLLE. MARIE BONNAFOUS, 73, SINOLOGIST, RETIRED PROFESSOR  
AND DECLARED "FEMINIST AND PACIFIST."

JEAN-PIERRE BRISSAUD, 33, ENGINEER AND LEFTIST.

JACQUES DESCHANEL, 49, RESTAURANTEUR FROM CHAMONIARD.

RENE DUMONT, 70, PROFESSOR OF AGRONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT-  
ALIST CANDIDATE, WHO CAMPAIGNS FROM A BOAT ANCHORED IN

THE SEINE.

LEOPOLD ELBAZE, LAWYER AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE.

MICHEL FAYOLAS, ARCHITECT AND PRESIDENT OF "LE COMITE  
DES RENTIERS VIAGERS" (LIFE-ANNUITANTS).

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MAURICE GARDETT, REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR RADIO MONTE-CARLO  
AND CANDIDATE TO RESTORE GOOD TASTE AND "LA JOIE DE  
VIVRE" IN FRANCE.

MME GISELE GUISETTE, CONSERVATIONIST.

M. HENNINOT, WHO CLAIMS TO REPRESENT THE FRENCH  
MIDDLE CLASS.

HENRI JANNES, 70, A TELECOMMUNICATIONS ENGINEER AND  
PERENNIAL CANDIDATE WHO  
CLAIMS TO DEFEND THE RIGHTS OF TAXPAYERS AND TELEPHONE  
USERS'.

DJELLALI KAMEL, 18, TUNISIAN LABORER. THE CANDIDATE  
OF ABOUT 40 IMMIGRANT WORKERS ON A HUNGER STRIKE SINCE  
MARCH 25 IN PARIS FOR BETTER WORKING CONDITIONS AND  
RIGHTS, HE CLAIMS TO REPRESENT THREE MILLION IMMIGRANT  
WORKERS IN FRANCE.

ALAIN KRIVINE, 32, TROTSKYITE AND FORMER LEADER OF THE  
BANNED COMMUNIST LEAGUE. HE RECEIVED 0.7 PERCENT OF  
THE VOTE IN THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE OF 1969.

ROBERT LAFONT, PROFESSOR AT MONTPELLIER, WHO CLAIMS TO  
REPRESENT THE CULTURAL AND SOCIAL ASPIRATIONS OF THE  
FRENCH REGIONS.

MME ARLETTE LAGUILLER, 34, TROTSKYITE LEADER OF THE  
STRIKING PARIS BANK EMPLOYEES.

MME HUGUETTE LEFORESTIER, 52, CANDIDATE OF SIMONE DE  
BEAUVOIR'S GROUP, THE LEAGUE OF THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN.

MICHEL PRIGENT, 30, CANDIDATE OF "JEUNES DEMOCRATES."

BERTRAND RENOUVIN, 30, ROYALIST.

ANDRE ROUSTAN, 54, STONE-MASON AND "MARXIST-LENINIST"  
CANDIDATE.

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M. SALKAZANOV, FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF THE CENTER OF THE CITIZENS OF THE UNIVERSE AND "AMBASSADOR OF THE STARS."

JEAN-CLAUDE SEBAB, 31, LAWYER AND SECRETARY-GENERAL OF "LE MOUVEMENT FEDERALISTE EUROPEEN."

M. TOUSSAINT VEDECHE, 74, FORMER MAYOR OF LAVIOLLE (ARDECHE). HE CLAIMS TO REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF RURAL COMMUNES.

GEORGES WAMBERGUE, 53, PACIFIST AND VISIONARY.

GUY HERAUD, 53, PROFESSOR AND AUTHOR. CANDIDATE OF "PARTI FEDERALISTE EUROPEEN."

JEAN-LOUIS SAVIGNET, WHO CALLS FOR A "REPUBLICAN MONARCHY."  
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