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PRIME MINISTER

Tokyo Summit Follow-up

I think you know that, in my unavoidable absence, Sir Jack Rampton represented me at a meeting of Personal Representatives in Paris on 15th September which was intended mainly to discuss energy issues. The results (see FCO telegram No. 357 to Paris) were satisfactory to us both in the energy context and from the point of view of avoiding "institutionalising" the Summit.

The Personal Representatives also agreed to meet again in Washington on 20th and 21st December to review progress since Tokyo and to take a first look at the prospects for the Venice Summit. Sir Jack Rampton had formally to reserve our position on the grounds that you had not yet designated a Personal Representative in succession to me and that he could not guarantee that these dates would therefore be suitable for us. I feel sure that you will want to ask Sir Robert Armstrong to take this on. It would take a certain amount of his time but over the years there seems to have been advantage in our fielding someone who can speak directly for the Prime Minister, accompanied at some meetings by Sir Michael Palliser and Sir Kenneth Couzens. An interim meeting of Personal Representatives between Summits has been the custom in the past, and the dates of 20th-21st December seem to suit well since if you visit Washington on 17th-18th December Sir Robert Armstrong could accompany you and stay on.

Agreed

May I therefore tell my Personal Representative colleagues that Sir Robert Armstrong will be succeeding me and that we can accept the dates of 20th-21st ~~September~~ <sup>December</sup>?

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Agreed out

Personally I think

December is much too soon

for an interim meeting  
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JOHN HUNT

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TOKYO FOLLOW-UP: ENERGY

1. THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES MET IN PARIS ON THE MORNING OF 15 SEPTEMBER AND THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES TOGETHER WITH ENERGY EXPERTS IN THE AFTERNOON TO DISCUSS THE ENERGY FOLLOW UP TO TOKYO AND TO PREPARE THE MEETING OF ENERGY MINISTERS ON 26 SEPTEMBER. THE IRISH PRESIDENCY ATTENDED BOTH MEETINGS AND LANTZKE ATTENDED THE SECOND.

2. THE MAIN CONCLUSIONS REACHED WERE:

(I) HIGH LEVEL GROUP TO MONITOR OIL IMPORT CEILINGS.

THE GROUP WOULD MEET ON A SEVEN NATION BASIS, TOGETHER WITH THE COMMISSION (AND PROBABLY ALSO THE PRESIDENCY): REPRESENTATION WOULD BE AT SENIOR OFFICIAL

LEVEL AND NOT AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL WITH EACH COUNTRY DECIDING ITS OWN LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION ON THE BASIS OF SOMEONE WHO CAN SPEAK WITH AUTHORITY: IT WOULD REPORT TO THE NEXT SUMMIT MEETING AND ITS CONTINUED EXISTENCE BEYOND THAT DATE WAS NOT PRE-JUDGED: IT MIGHT NORMALLY MEET SHORTLY AFTER MEETINGS OF THE IEA GOVERNING BOARD TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE ATTENDANCE OF SENIOR OFFICIALS AT THE LATTER: IT WOULD BE SERVICED BY LANTZKE AND THE OECD/IEA JOINT ENERGY STAFF: THE FIRST MEETING, TO BE