

HMESSAGE NO 1
PRIME MINISTER FROM DUTY CLERK

PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE

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BEGINS

THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE ON THE PROPOSED SECOND ECONOMIC AND MONETARY SUMMIT HAS BEEN RECEIVED TODAY FROM PRESIDENT FORD. ON PATRICK WRIGHT'S INSTRUCTIONS I HAVE PASSED COPIES TO SIR JOHN HUNT TO THE FCO RESIDENT CLERK FOR SIR MICHAEL PALLISER AND TO THE TREASURY FOR THE ATTENTION OF SIR DERICK MITCHELL.

DEAR PRIME MINISTER.

NOW THAT THE SUMMIT MEETING IN PUERTO RICO HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED, I SHOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS FOR MOVING FORWARD PROMPTLY TO MAKE SUBSTANTIVE PREPARATIONS.

FIRST, I BELIEVE THAT THE MEETING OF UNDER SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY YEO AND HIS COLLEAGUES FROM THE UK, FRANCE, AND THE FRG, SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 8 IN EUROPE, SHOULD IDENTIFY AND BEGIN WORK ON AGENDA ITEMS, AND DETERMINE TOPICS ON WHICH SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS CAN BE MADE IN PUERTO RICO. IT COULD ALSO BEGIN PREPARATION OF AT LEAST AN OUTLINE OF A POSSIBLE FINAL COMMUNIQUE.

NEXT, I WOULD PROPOSE THAT THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UK, FRANCE, THE FRG, THE US AND JAPAN COME TO WASHINGTON IN TIME FOR A PRIVATE MEETING ON JUNE 14. FOLLOWING THIS, A FULL MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVEN PARTICIPANTS ON JUNE 15 COULD SETTLE THE AGENDA, IDENTIFY +LEAD+ SPEAKERS, DETERMINE AREAS WHICH SHOULD RECEIVE SPECIAL FOCUS AND THOSE ON WHICH GREATEST PROGRESS CAN BE MADE IN PUERTO, ~~RIBYFKW SIIIZVZ~~

AND DEVELOP A FIRST DRAFT OF A POSSIBLE SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE. I HAVE ASKED GEORGE SHULTZ, WHO WILL PARTICIPATE WITH SENIOR US GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, TO BE MY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE. THE MEETING COULD CONTINUE ON JUNE 16 IF NECESSARY.

THE PREPARATIONS COULD THEN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OECD MEETING IN PARIS ON JUNE 21 FOR DISCUSSIONS AMONG OUR FOREIGN AND FINANCE MINISTERS.

AFTER THIS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVEN PARTICIPANTS COULD IF NECESSARY CONVENE ONCE MORE BEFORE THE PUERTO RICO MEETING.

I HOPE THIS SCHEDULE OF ARRANGEMENTS IS SATISFACTORY FROM YOUR STANDPOINT. I SHOULD LIKE TO STRESS THAT WHILE WE MUST, OF COURSE, CONDUCT THE FORMAL PREPARATIONS IN A GROUP OF SEVEN, THIS WILL NOT EXCLUDE CONTINUING CONTACT, WHEN NECESSARY, AMONG BRITAIN, FRANCE, GERMANY, AND THE UNITED STATES, AND WITH JAPAN WHERE APPROPRIATE.

IF YOU FIND THESE ARRANGEMENTS SATISFACTORY, I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PROVIDING US WITH THE NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL WITH WHOM WE COULD DISCUSS FURTHER DETAILS.

WARM PERSONAL REGARDS,

GERALD R FORD