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DEAR MR PRESIDENT,

I WAS GRATEFUL FOR YOUR TWO MESSAGES OF 30 AND 31 MAY ABOUT OUR PROSPECTIVE ECONOMIC SUMMIT MEETING. I WELCOME THE PROGRESS YOU HAVE MADE AND AM PARTICULARLY GLAD TO LEARN THAT CANADA'S ATTENDANCE HAS BEEN AGREED. I HOPE YOU WILL NOT MIND MY MAKING THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS.

I COULD OF COURSE AGREE WITH YOUR PROPOSAL FOR A SIMULTANEOUS ANNOUNCEMENT IN OUR RESPECTIVE CAPITALS ON 3 JUNE BUT I WONDER WHETHER, DESPITE THE ADDITION OF THE NEW PARAGRAPH SUGGESTED BY PARIS, YOU DO NOT STILL HAVE A PROBLEM OVER ITALY. I CAN SEE THAT THE LANGUAGE OF THIS SENTENCE AIMS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT OF ITALY. BUT IT SEEMS TO ME THAT IN QUESTIONING ITALY'S ABILITY TO SIT DOWN WITH US, THE EFFECT MAY BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. IF THIS WERE ALSO THE ITALIAN VIEW, IT MIGHT BE BETTER FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THE INITIATIVE IS YOURS AND THAT EACH OF US IS MAKING HIS OWN RESPONSE. THIS WOULD ENABLE THE ITALIANS TO COVER THEIR OWN SITUATION IN WHATEVER WORDS THEY WANTED.

IF THIS WERE AGREEABLE, IT WOULD MEAN WORDING THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT AS FOLLOWS:-

+THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAS INVITED THE HEADS OF STATES AND GOVERNMENTS OF CANADA, FRANCE, THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, ITALY, JAPAN AND THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND, TO MEET WITH HIM IN PUERTO RICO ON 27/28 JUNE, TO DISCUSS ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST INCLUDING THEIR COUNTRIES' ECONOMIC RECOVERIES AND THE CURRENT PHASE OF THEIR EFFORTS TO ATTAIN SUSTAINED ECONOMIC EXPANSION, FINANCIAL AND MONETARY MATTERS, TRADE, ENERGY AND RELATIONS WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.+

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THIS IT WOULD BE FOR EACH GOVERNMENT TO INSERT A SENTENCE ANNOUNCING ITS OWN ACCEPTANCE OF THE INVITATION.

ON PARAGRAPH 3 OF YOUR REVISED ANNOUNCEMENT, I AM SURE IT IS RIGHT TO RECOGNISE THAT THE RAMBOUILLET SUMMIT CONCERENCE MADE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO PROGRESS. I AM SURE THAT IN ENUMERATING ALL ITS ACHIEVEMENTS YOU HAVE NOT OVERLOOKED THE POSSIBILITY THAT YOU ARE PROVIDING AMMUNITION FOR THOSE CRITICS OF THIS SECOND MEETING WHO WILL NOT BE THERE.

FINALLY, I HAVE WELCOMED THE PROPOSAL THAT GEORGE SHULTZ SHOULD DISCUSS DETAILS OF THE AGENDA WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS. UNTIL THIS HAS BEEN DONE, I SUGGEST THAT WE DO NOT PUBLISH THE DETAILS OF A PROPOSED AGENDA, BUT MAKE THAT THE SUBJECT OF SEPARATE PRESS BRIEFING IN DUE COURSE.

YOURS SINCERELY,

JIM CALLAGHAN.