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TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN

1. Following your discussion with Sir Hugh Cortazzi on 25 June, officials have had a number of discussions on the preparation of a document which maximises benefit to the UK and minimises the possibility of damage; we have consulted our Embassy in Tokyo throughout these discussions.
2. This morning we agreed on a draft which the FCO is now asking the Embassy to put to the Japanese. We believe that the draft takes care of all the significant points which have been raised both in Whitehall and in the Embassy.
3. The principal features of the proposed agreement are that it concentrates on technology (it is called 'An agreement on cooperation in the field of technology'), it makes Government Departments and agencies the vehicles of the agreement, and it places equal weight on cooperation in research for new technology and in the application of existing technology.
4. Science is included only insofar as the agreement mentions scientists working in technology. The proposed agreement will not cover science in universities and will therefore not affect existing scientific cooperation through The British Council, The Royal Society etc.
5. It is proposed to 'sell' the agreement to the Japanese on the basis that focussing cooperation in technology attends to the needs of the



moment and is in the spirit of Versailles. The agreement treats the UK and Japan as equals in stature in technology, which is probably advantageous to both sides.

6. Sir Hugh Cortazzi will be briefed on the above before he sees the Prime Minister this afternoon. I understand that he will be putting the idea of an agreement to her on the basis that this is one potentially positive aspect of a visit which necessarily has a number of strong negative aspects.

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With the Compliments of

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