



Prime Minister

Content with the proposal?

Yes no

AG.

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MR COLES ✓

Mr Deaver, the United States President's Chief of Staff, telephoned this morning to say that during the Economic Summit the President would like to bring to Lancaster House a model of the proposed United States manned space station (in which the President is inviting other Summit countries to participate). The President would like to have the model set up at some suitable place in Lancaster House where photographs could be taken of himself and other Heads of State or Government looking at it.

- 2. This would be a limited photo-call, for still photographers only: no television cameras.
- 3. I am advised that it would be possible to arrange this for the end of the morning on Saturday 9 June, after the formal session and before the plenary lunch.
- 4. I do not suppose that this idea will be wholly welcome to those Heads of State or Government (like the French President) who have considerable reservations about the whole idea: they will see it as something of an attempt to exploit them for the purposes of domestic political presentation back in the United States. But perhaps that does not need to be regarded as an overriding objection.
- 5. I should be glad to know whether the Prime Minister would be content for us to accede to the American request on the line suggested in this minute.

RTA

ROBERT ARMSTRONG

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