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From the Private Secretary

MR HATFIELD

The Prime Minister has now seen Sir Robert Armstrong's minute of 7 August about the Tokyo Economic Summit. She has agreed that Robert may accept the dates Sunday 4 May to Tuesday 6 May 1986 if the Japanese propose them.

On the question of a possible visit to Vancouver, this has been mentioned informally by the British High Commissioner, Sir Derek Day, to the Prime Minister but not in the context of the Economic Summit. The Canadians themselves have not raised the possibility. The Prime Minister would be prepared to consider such a request but in the light of other diary commitments and other possibilities for a visit on the way to Tokyo.

I am copying this to Mr Ricketts (Foreign and Commonwealth Office) and to Mrs Lomax (HM Treasury).

Tim Flesher
8 August 1985

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* The Exhibition has
been suggested by ~~the~~
high Commissioner but not
in the context of the Economic

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MR FLESHER

Prime Minister:

This shifts the Economic
Summit one day forward
and would mean missing a
Questions: but that was likely
anyway. We have no trace
of you having been invited to
Vancouver. Has Mr Mulroney
Tokyo Economic Summit mentioned it? * No.

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With the Prime Minister's agreement (Mr Powell's minute of
12 July 1985) I informed the Japanese Prime Minister's Personal
Representative that the Prime Minister could attend the Economic
Summit from ~~Thursday~~ ^{Saturday} 3 to ~~Saturday~~ ^{Monday} 5 May 1986.

2. The Canadian High Commission have rung to say that it would
be difficult for Mr Mulroney to arrive in time to start on the
evening of ~~Thursday~~ ^{Saturday} 3 May, because he is due to open an
International Exhibition in Vancouver on ~~Wednesday~~ ^{Friday} 2 May
(Vancouver is 18 hours behind Tokyo). Mr Mulroney is therefore
disposed to ask that the Summit should be from ~~Friday~~ ^{Sunday} 4 May to
~~Sunday~~ ^{Tuesday} 6 May. The Canadian High Commission have been instructed
to find out whether the Prime Minister could manage these dates,
24 hours later from those proposed by the Japanese. They also
suggested that Mr Mulroney might have asked the Prime Minister
to join him for the opening of the Exhibition in Vancouver on 2
May.

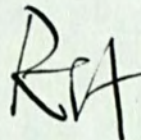
3. I should be grateful if you could let me know whether I may
tell the Canadians that the dates ~~Friday~~ ^{Saturday} 4 to ~~Sunday~~ ^{Tuesday} 6 May would
be possible for the Prime Minister, if the Japanese Prime
Minister proposed them; and whether the Prime Minister is
intending to go to Tokyo via Vancouver and attend the opening of
the Exhibition on ~~Wednesday~~ ^{Friday} 2 May.

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Assuming that
the written (not typed)
dates are correct and

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details will depend on Vancouver - way

4. I am sending copies of this minute to the Private Secretaries to the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary and the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'RA'.

ROBERT ARMSTRONG

7 August 1985