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SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

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Thank you for your minute of 28 January about possible arrangements for the Economic Summit which the United Kingdom will be hosting next year.

I have consulted the Prime Minister. In view of the considerable extra cost of holding the Summit outside London (Mr. Attfield told me that the extra cost might be around half a million pounds) the Prime Minister does not wish to pursue this idea.

As regards timing, the Prime Minister agrees that we should hold the Summit before the end of June and has provisionally indicated that we should aim for the weekend of 9/10 June.

I am copying this minute to Mr. Fall (Foreign and Commonwealth Office).

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