



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

1984 ECONOMIC SUMMIT: ARRANGEMENTS

Thank you for your minute of 6 October.

The Prime Minister has noted the plan to hold all the Ministerial meetings in Lancaster House, and the suggestion that she should entertain her fellow Heads of State or Government at dinner on the first evening at 10 Downing Street.

She is, however, doubtful whether it would be wise to arrange a dinner at Greenwich for the evening of Sunday 10 June. She thinks it likely that most of the participants would prefer to return to their countries.

A. J. COLES

10 October 1983

Prime Minister

A.J.C. 2/10.

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MR COLES

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Venue

Prime Minister
Agree?
A.J.C. 2/10.

We are planning on the assumption that all the Ministerial meetings should take place in Lancaster House, and that 10 Downing Street should not on this occasion be used (as it was in 1977) for some meetings of Heads of State or Government only. This would save having to repeat the elaborate and expensive arrangements made in 1977 to install simultaneous translation in the State Dining Room at 10 Downing Street. It will be possible to hold all the separate meetings required and to prepare separate working lunches for the different groups of Ministers (and Personal Representatives) in Lancaster House.

Prime Minister
Agree?
A.J.C. 2/10.

2. I am assuming, however, that the Prime Minister would like to entertain her fellow Heads of State or Government at dinner on the first evening (8 June) at 10 Downing Street.

3. The Prime Minister asked for consideration to be given to using the Painted Hall at Greenwich for one of the meals. The dinner on the first evening will, on past form, be a working dinner, which we envisage should be at 10 Downing Street for Heads of State or Government. The Queen will entertain Heads of State or Government on the second evening, Saturday 9 June. It would be very disruptive to the main proceedings to transfer Minister to Greenwich for lunch on Saturday or Sunday. Thus if looks as if the only possible occasion for a dinner at Greenwich would be at the end of the meeting on the evening of Sunday 10 June. This would be in line with the parallels from the last two summits: President Mitterrand gave a great dinner at Versailles on the last evening and President Reagan gave a

Prime Minister
do you wish to do this?
A.J.C. 2/10.

would rather not - most people would prefer to go home.



similar dinner at Williamsburg (which, of course, the Prime Minister missed).

4. I should be grateful if you could let me know whether the Prime Minister is content with the lines on which we are thinking.

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ROBERT ARMSTRONG

6 October 1983

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