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From the Private Secretary

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

ECONOMIC SUMMIT 1984

Thank you for your minute of 31 October.

The Prime Minister is content for you to discuss with personal representatives this weekend whether The Queen's State dinner should be held on the second or the third evening of the Summit.

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Prime Minister.
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MR COLES

Economic Summit 1984

As you know, we have been planning on the basis that The Queen would entertain Heads of State or Government at Buckingham Palace or Windsor for dinner at the end of the first full day of the Summit (on Saturday 9 June, if the Summit runs from 8 to 10 June). The Prime Minister decided not to proceed with the idea of a dinner at Greenwich on the third evening (the evening of Sunday 10 June) because she thought that many of her colleagues would want to return to their home capitals once the press conference was over on the Sunday afternoon.

2. When the White House representatives were over here the other day, they queried whether it was a good idea to have The Queen's dinner on the second evening. They thought it quite likely that Heads of State or Government, or their Ministers, might want to use some part of the evening for serious discussions. They suggested that it might be preferable to have informal meal arrangements for the second evening, and for The Queen to hold her State Dinner on the third and final evening, after the press conference. They clearly thought it unlikely that the President would want to return to the United States until the following day in any case; and of course the four European leaders can get back within an hour or two from London, at whatever time they like.

3. Sir Philip Moore has told me that The Queen would be perfectly happy to hold the State Dinner on either evening.

4. Would the Prime Minister be content for me to discuss with Personal Representatives this coming weekend whether The Queen's State Dinner should be held on the second or the third evening?

Yes - clearly they expect the third evening
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ROBERT ARMSTRONG

31 October 1983