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From the Private Secretary

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

Economic Summit 1984

Thank you for your minutes of 12 and 13 December.

The Prime Minister has now signed letters to all the Summit participants. I attach the signed versions and take it that you will arrange for their delivery.

The Prime Minister also agrees to the terms and timing of the proposed press announcement.

I am copying this minute to Mr. Bone (Foreign and Commonwealth Office) and Mr. Kerr (H.M. Treasury).

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14 December 1983

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Yours sincerely
Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency Monsieur Gaston Thorn.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

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PRIME MINISTER'S

PERSONAL MESSAGE

SERIAL No. T214/83

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The President of the United States of America.

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His Excellency Dr. Helmut Kohl.

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The Right Honourable Pierre Elliott Trudeau, PC, MP.

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His Excellency Mr. Yasuhiro Nakasone.

PRIME MINISTER

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ECONOMIC SUMMIT

You agreed to send messages to the six Heads of State and Government concerned, as well as M. Thorn.

It would be helpful if these could be signed tonight.

You had some doubts about paragraph 7 of the earlier draft (which suggested what some of the economic themes might be) and we have therefore inserted a new text at that point.

A.f.C.

13 December, 1983

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MR COLES

Economic Summit 1984

You said on the telephone that you thought that the Prime Minister would prefer a rather less detailed version of paragraph 7 of the draft message attached to my minute of 12/December.

2. I suggest the following:

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Prime Minister

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MR COLES

Content with:-

- Yes
Yes
- i. Message to the heads of State or Government?
 - ii. The terms and timing of the announcement?

Economic Summit 1984

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All of the participants have now accepted our proposal that ^{12. 12.} the Economic Summit should be held in London from 8-10 June 1984, though the President of the French Republic has said that he will have to return to France for "a national engagement" on 10 June. One can only speculate whether there may be other reasons behind this: for instance, that the President wants to be able to distance himself from the final declaration, if need be. But I hope that the Prime Minister will be content that we should now go ahead and fix the dates, despite the President's declared inability to stay for the last day. *The Queen's banquet?*

2. I will of course take steps to ensure that he will be represented, presumably by his Foreign Minister, both at the sessions on 10 June and at The Queen's Banquet that evening.

3. It would now be appropriate for the Prime Minister to send a message to the six Heads of State or Government concerned and to Monsieur Thorn, formally inviting them to the Summit. I attach herewith a draft, which has been agreed by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

4. If the messages could go out tomorrow, I will simultaneously send a message to Personal Representatives, containing the text of the proposed announcement. I do not propose to ask Personal Representatives for agreement to the text, but I would propose to ask for their agreement to the date of issue, which I propose should be Friday 16 December at 2.30 pm. I attach a draft text of the announcement (agreed with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office), of which I would be grateful for the Prime Minister's approval.

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ROBERT ARMSTRONG

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The Prime Minister of the United Kingdom has invited the President of the United States of America, the President of the French Republic, the Prime Minister of Canada, the Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, the President of the Council of Ministers of Italy, the Prime Minister of Japan, and the President of the Commission of the European Communities to come to London for a meeting of Heads of State or Government of industrialised countries from 8 to 10 June 1984.

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