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*From the Private Secretary*

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

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LONDON ECONOMIC SUMMIT

The Prime Minister held a meeting this afternoon to consider preparations for the Summit. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, yourself, Sir Julian Bullard, Sir Crispin Tickell and Mr. Littler were present (the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary was unable to attend).

The Prime Minister said that given the shortage of time before the Summit opened she was anxious that all necessary decisions should be taken as soon as possible and preparations advanced quickly.

Thematic Paper

It was agreed that the draft of the Thematic Paper annexed to your minute of 8 May, amended in the ways suggested in your minute of 9 May, could now be circulated to other Personal Representatives.

International Terrorism

The draft statement on international terrorism enclosed with Mr. Rickett's letter of 10 May was discussed. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office was requested to redraft the statement in the light of the discussion, to ensure that it was acceptable to the Home Office and other interested Whitehall departments and to submit the new text at latest in time for consideration at a further meeting which the Prime Minister will chair on Wednesday, 16 May.

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It was pointed out that the public statement made by the Government following the recent Libyan Bureau incident had aroused considerable expectations of the action which the Summit would take with regard to international terrorism. It was important that the statement should contain sufficient substance not to disappoint those expectations.

In addition to the detailed drafting points made at the meeting, the statement should include a final paragraph to the effect that the Seven would take the lead in seeking support for the content of the statement from as many other countries as possible.

Democratic Values

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The meeting considered the draft statement on democratic values enclosed with Mr. Rickett's letter of 10 May. It was agreed that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office should redraft the text in the light of the discussion, clear it as necessary with interested departments and submit it at latest in time for consideration at the Prime Minister's meeting on 16 May.

No.10 would also take advice from academic circles on the possible content of the statement.

Thought should be given to the title of the statement. One possibility was "The London Charter".

Initiatives in the Economic Field

Reference was made to a number of economic issues which, it had been agreed at an earlier meeting, we should seek to have tackled at the Summit. It was agreed that we should seek to cover these in the draft Economic Declaration which would be submitted to the Summit. You agreed to make this draft available for consideration at the meeting on 16 May, following which it would be considered at the final meeting of Personal Representatives.

The Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer would then advocate our view of these issues at the Summit on the basis of speaking notes which would be prepared in due course.

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Possible British Initiative on the Environment

There was a brief preliminary discussion of the minute of 8 May by the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary on this subject. I am minuting separately about this.

Meeting on 16 May

It would be most helpful if, in order to take maximum advantage of the meeting on 16 May, the Cabinet Office could make early (this week if possible) recommendations as to an agenda and the Ministers and officials who should be invited. It would then be helpful if you could arrange for the circulation of the necessary papers to those invited to attend.

I am copying this minute to Mr. Ricketts, Mr. Peretz and Mr. Taylor.

AJC

10 May, 1984

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