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10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Principal Private Secretary*

10 May 1984

The Prime Minister has asked me to find out whether you would be willing to provide her with some assistance in preparation for the Economic Summit which will be held in London on 7 to 9 June.

As I expect you know, the Summit, which will be held under the Prime Minister's Chairmanship, will be attended by the President of the United States, the President of France, the Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, the Prime Minister of Italy, the Prime Minister of Canada, the Prime Minister of Japan and the President of the European Commission. Most of its work will be concerned with economic issues. But the Prime Minister is tentatively thinking of proposing to the participants that they should jointly issue a statement on democratic values. The purpose would be to re-affirm the fundamental principles which bind the leading democratic nations of the world and provide some answers to the constant propoganda assaults of Communist countries against these principles.

Mrs. Thatcher would only wish to embark on this enterprise if she were furnished with a convincing and finely written document. And it is particularly in connection with those requirements that she has asked me to write to you.

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Would you be willing to try your hand at a draft? We envisage the statement being as short as possible. To give you some guidance as to length and tone, I enclose a copy of a draft which has been prepared in Whitehall. But I do not suggest that you should feel yourself bound to follow this in any way. Indeed, a completely fresh text would be very welcome.

There is, as always, a time problem. We are very much hoping to be able to look at a new draft on Wednesday, 16 May. If you are in a position to help the Prime Minister it would, therefore, be most convenient if we could receive your contribution before then.

ROBIN BUTLER

Lord Quinton.