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c- Mr Colvin

Dear Mr Hatfield

1. Following the Prime Minister's meeting on 23 May Sir Robert Armstrong asked Michael Partridge to provide a draft statement on terrorism for use at the Summit.
2. A revised draft agreed with Michael Partridge is attached and we have also agreed with the Home Office that our Secretary of State will table this for discussion at the Prime Minister's meeting tomorrow. In view of the more conciliatory attitude towards a declaration which M. Cheysson showed during discussions amongst Foreign Ministers in Washington this week we will also have available a draft declaration which might be used if there is pressure for one from other participants, particularly the US.
3. I am copying this letter to David Hilary at the Home Office.

Yours Eves.

Alan Jones

pp. J W D Gray  
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## ECONOMIC SUMMIT: DRAFT STATEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM

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- c) the strict application of the Vienna Convention as it affects the status of diplomats, the size of diplomatic missions and the number of buildings enjoying diplomatic immunity;
- d) the implications of international terrorism for the rules of the Vienna Convention; and
- e) the possibility that domestic legislation contains gaps which might be exploited by terrorists.

In ways such as these we intend to take the lead in developing action among the international community as a whole to prevent and punish terrorist acts and to identify and condemn those states which sponsor them. In our view, this is a problem which affects the international community as a whole and not only those assembled here.

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(Draft of 31 May 1984)

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