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From the Private Secretary

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Sir Robert Armstrong

London Economic Summit: Draft Declaration on
Democratic Values

Thank you for your minute of 6 June. As you will have seen from my separate minute today on the order of discussion at the Summit, the Prime Minister wishes the Heads of State and Government to discuss the Declaration at about noon on Friday, 8 June, so that it can be issued to the Press at a suitable moment later in the day, probably at lunchtime.

Mrs. Thatcher will emphasise the importance of following this procedure at the working dinner at No.10 Downing Street tomorrow night.

With regard to your paragraph 8, I take it that the drafts which the Foreign and Commonwealth Office will prepare on East/West relations, arms control and the Gulf will be for the purpose of a press release. As you know, the Prime Minister will not be giving a press conference on the afternoon of 8 June.

The Prime Minister has looked at the revised text of the Declaration annexed to your minute. She has made the following comments:-

- (a) In paragraph 4 the phrase "standards of living can rise" is redundant, the sense being expressed in the previous phrase. She would prefer this to be deleted.
- (b) She would like the last sentence of that paragraph to read: "Our countries have the resources and will jointly to master the tasks of the third industrial revolution."

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- (c) In paragraph 5, the Prime Minister would much prefer the sentence "We respect genuine non-alignment" to be deleted. She believes that this sentence runs counter to the spirit of the Declaration which emphasises the basic beliefs and values of the Western democracies.
- (d) Also in paragraph 5, the Prime Minister would like the reference to "our will to act with all countries in order to foster their prosperity" to be deleted. She believes that this phrase is rather empty of meaning.
- (e) In paragraph 6, Mrs. Thatcher has queried whether the third sentence can appropriately find a place in this Declaration. She also believes that the last sentence largely repeats the sentiments in the second sentence of paragraph 5, and that it is desirable that it should be deleted.

I should be grateful if you would take these comments into account before the draft is circulated to other Personal Representatives and Political Directors.

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

A. J. Cole.

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