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Dear Richard,

ECONOMIC SUMMIT: DRAFT STATEMENT ON INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM

The Home Secretary has seen Sir Robert Armstrong's minute of yesterday to Mr Coles covering a revised draft press statement on the discussions on international terrorism.

The Home Secretary was generally content with the statement, but thinks that it would be very desirable to bring out more specifically than paragraph (f) does at present the suggestion that diplomats declared persona non grata in any one country on terrorist grounds might be declared persona non grata in all countries represented at the Economic Summit. The Home Secretary thinks that this suggestion will have considerable public appeal and is worth making the most of in the press release. This was, of course, the proposal made, after consultation with the Foreign & Commonwealth Office, by the Home Secretary at the Council of Europe Ministers of Justice Conference in Madrid last week. It was also referred to by the Home Secretary in Cabinet this morning.

I am sending a copy of this letter to John Coles (No 10), Peter Ricketts (FCO) and David Peretz (Treasury).

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