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LONDON ECONOMIC SUMMIT: POLITICAL QUESTIONS

I attach a redraft of the Declaration on Democratic Values prepared by a meeting of Personal Representatives and Political Directors under the chairmanship of Sir R Armstrong late last night. This is intended to be the final draft, for approval by Heads of State/ Government today.

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2. As at the earlier discussion/ Foreign Ministers over dinner, several participants wanted a passage on East-West relations added. But Sir R Armstrong reported the Prime Minister's preference for handling this separately; and Attali (France) categorically refused to consider a draft on this or any other political subject. He said that Mr Mitterrand:

- would prefer no declaration except the economic one;
- was prepared to acquiesce in a Declaration on Democratic Values, because some others wanted it, and because he had had time to study the draft;
- was ready to allow Mrs Thatcher to summarise the conclusions of any other political discussions that might take place, in whatever way she wished, for the benefit of the press.
- 3. I also attach texts on East-West relations and Arms Control, on the Gulf War and on Terrorism, based on our earlier lists of points but redrafted to take account of the discussion of these subjects by Heads of Government and Foreign Ministers at their respective dinners. On account of the French attitude described above, these redrafts have the status only of internal papers prepared by British officials as an aid to the Secretary of State and the Prime Minister

CONFIDENTIAL as Chairmen of their respective groups; they are not being circulated to other delegations. 4. The Secretary of State said last night that his intention was to revert to political questions at the start of this morning's meeting of Foreign Ministers, to take stock of the overnight work. In view of Attali's remarks he may think that he should not circulate these drafts. But if time permits he could use them orally, to see how far they reflect the consensus at Foreign Minister level. It would be particularly helpful to know the reactions to the points on Terrorism, which go some way beyond what I gather was actually said last night. Junan J L Bullard 8 June 1984 CONFIDENTIAL

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Assired 0527 362 New. Com 772 We discussed the war in the Gulf.

- We expressed our sadness at the mounting toll in human suffering, physical damage and political bitterness that this conflict has brought; and at the breaches of international humanitarian law that have occurred.
- 3. The hope and desire of us all is that both sides will cease their attacks on each other and on the shipping of other states. The principle of freedom of navigation is precious to us all.
- 4. We considered the implications for world oil supplies if the conflict continues. We noted with satisfaction that the world oil market has remained relatively stable. We agreed that by continuing to pursue prudent and realistic measures, we can help to limit the effects of any disruption in supplies from this region.
- We believe that a peaceful and honourable settlement is within reach of the parties if political will exists, and we will support any efforts to bring this about, particularly those of the United Nations Secretary-General.

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EAST-WEST RELATIONS AND ARMS CONTROL

- 1. We had a substantial discussion of East-West relations, and found ourselves in very close agreement on two fundamental points:
- in today's circumstances the need is for unity, solidarity and firmness among us all; Shop unled talk.
- 2nd we remain ready for extended political dialogue and long-term cooperation with the Soviet Union and all Warsaw Pact States.
- 2. Our aim is security at the lowest possible level of forces. We wish to see early and positive results in the various arms control negotiations. The US has offered to re-start nuclear arms control talks anywhere, at any time, without preconditions. We look to the Soviet Union to respond and to return to the negotiating tables which it has guitted.

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- 4. We believe that political and economic freedom are interdependent. It is for Governments to set conditions in which there can be the greatest possible range and freedom of choice and personal initiative; in which enterprise and employment can flourish; in which all can share in the benifits of growth and society can provide care and support for those in need; in which there can be confidence in the soundness of the currency; and in which the lives of all can be enriched by the fruits of innovation, imagination and scientific discovery. Our countries have the resources and will jointly to master the tasks of the new industrial revolution.
- 5. We believe in close partnership with each other in the conviction that this will reinforce political stability and economic growth in the world as a whole. We look for co-operation with all countries on the basis of respect for their independence and territorial integrity, regardless of differences between political, economic and social systems. We respect genuine non-alignment. We acknowledge the moral responsibilities

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that go with economic success. We reaffirm our determination to fight hunger and poverty throughout the world.

- 6. We believe in the need for peace with freedom and justice. Each of us rejects the use of force as a means of settling disputes. Each of us will maintain only the military strength necessary to deter aggression and to meet our responsibilities for effective defence.
- 7. We believe that in today's world the security of each of us is the concern of us all. We are convinced that international problems and conflicts can and must be resolved through reasoned dialogue and negotiation and we shall support all efforts to this end.
- 8. Strong in these beliefs, our countries are endowed with unrivalled diversity and creative vigour. With such a heritage we look forward to the future with confidence.

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