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cc Mr Goodall

*Mr Powell*  
*This may be of interest*  
*to the Home*  
*new minister!*  
*H. Colvin*  
*Thank You*  
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FOLLOW-UP MEETING TO DISCUSS POLITICAL SUBJECTS AFTER THE LONDON ECONOMIC SUMMIT ("INSTITUTIONALISATION")

I have discovered from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office that, although the Americans decided against raising "institutionalisation" formally at the Summit, Mr Shultz himself raised the matter with his fellow Foreign Ministers at the Summit. He apparently asked each of them whether they would be willing to attend a meeting of the Seven in the margins of the United Nations General Assembly in New York on 27 September and all agreed in principle to do so. Knowledge of this planned meeting is being held very tight although a version of it has already leaked from Japanese sources. The meeting is to be under United States chairmanship; Sir Geoffrey Howe accepted this because it helps to attenuate any institutional connection with the Summit and thus meet French susceptibilities. The meeting is likely to include discussion of East/West contacts and terrorism.

2. I have asked the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to copy relevant telegrams to you and they have agreed to do so. They assure me that No 10 is being kept informed.

*[Signature]*  
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