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From the Private Secretary

MR HATFIELD

The Prime Minister has now seen Sir Robert Armstrong's minute of 7 August about the Tokyo Economic Summit. She has agreed that Robert may accept the dates Sunday 4 May to Tuesday 6 May 1986 if the Japanese propose them.

On the question of a possible visit to Vancouver, this has been mentioned informally by the British High Commissioner, Sir Derek Day, to the Prime Minister but not in the context of the Economic Summit. The Canadians themselves have not raised the possibility. The Prime Minister would be prepared to consider such a request but in the light of other diary commitments and other possibilities for a visit on the way to Tokyo.

I am copying this to Mr Ricketts (Foreign and Commonwealth Office) and to Mrs Lomax (HM Treasury).

Tim Flesher 8 August 1985

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With the Prime Minister's agreement (Mr Powell's minute of 12 July 1985) I informed the Japanese Prime Minister's Personal Representative that the Prime Minister could attend the Economic Summit from Thursday 3 to Saturday 5 May 1986.

- The Canadian High Commission have rung to say that it would be difficult for Mr Mulroney to arrive in time to start on the evening of Thursday 3 May, because he is due to open an International Exhibition in Vancouver on Wednesday 2 May (Vancouver is 18 hours behind Tokyo). Mr Mulroney is therefore disposed to ask that the Summit should be from Friday 4 May to Sunday 6 May. The Canadian High Commission have been instructed to find out whether the Prime Minister could manage these dates, 24 hours later from those proposed by the Japanese. They also suggested that Mr Mulroney might have asked the Prime Minister to join him for the opening of the Exhibition in Vancouver on 2
- I should be grateful if you could let me know whether I may tell the Canadians that the dates Friday 4 to Sunday 6 May would be possible for the Prime Minister, if the Japanese Prime Minister proposed them; and whether the Prime Minister is intending to go to Tokyo via Vancouver and attend the opening of the Exhibition on Wednesday 2 May.

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4. I am sending copies of this minute to the Private Secretaries to the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary and the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

ROBERT ARMSTRONG

7 August 1985

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