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From the Private Secretary

TOKYO ECONOMIC SUMMIT

We ought soon to start planning the Prime Minister's bilateral meetings during the Tokyo Economic Summit. She will certainly wish to meet with President Reagan and Mr. Nakasone. It will probably also be appropriate for her to see Mr. Mulroney whom she will not have met since the United Nations 40th Anniversary celebrations last October.

As regards the European Heads of Government, the Prime Minister will have met President Mitterrand at least twice in the months before the Summit; and she will see Prime Minister Craxi at the Anglo-Italian Summit in March. There is therefore no strong case for separate bilaterals with either of them. The Prime Minister will not, however, have seen Chancellor Kohl for some six months by the time of the Economic Summit, and the case for a separate bilateral meeting with him is rather stronger. I do not think that the Prime Minister will see a need for meetings with the Netherlands Prime Minister or the President of the Commission.

It would be helpful to have your recommendations and suggestions for the timing of the meetings.

I am copying this letter to Rachel Lomax (HM Treasury) and Michael Stark (Cabinet Office).

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Dear Charles,

Tokyo Economic Summit, 4-6 May 1986

Thank you for your letter of 4 February in which you suggested that we should start planning the Prime Minister's bilateral meetings during the Tokyo Economic Summit.

Experience shows that time available for bilaterals at the Summit is very limited. In Bonn the Prime Minister managed four such meetings - Reagan, Nakasone, Mitterrand and Craxi. In Tokyo she will have about the same amount of time. We agree, therefore, that - given the time constraints - the Prime Minister's priority should be to meet President Reagan, Mr Nakasone, Mr Mulroney and Chancellor Kohl.

For the time being, however, we should perhaps leave a questionmark over the possibility of a bilateral with the French. Their full representation at the Summit is unlikely to be clear until after the forthcoming elections. We have indications from Paris that, in the event of a right-wing victory, the French Prime Minister would also expect to attend. If he were to do so, the Summit could provide - notwithstanding their different status and functions - a useful first opportunity for the Prime Minister to make contact with her new French counterpart. As the United Kingdom assumes the EC Presidency in the summer, it might also be useful, if time permitted, for the Prime Minister to have brief meetings with the President of the Commission and the Netherlands Prime Minister, in that order of priority. We would not, therefore, wish to rule them out at this stage.

As to timing for the bilaterals, detailed arrangements will have to wait on some more precise indications from the Japanese on the proposed schedule of Summit sessions and meals. In principle, however, it would seem sensible to have the meetings with President Reagan and Prime Minister Nakasone early on in the Summit.

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