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The Queen's Speeches on the Prorogation  
and Opening of Parliament

I attach for the Prime Minister's approval drafts of The Queen's Speeches in the terms in which they were approved by Cabinet on 3 October.

2. If the Prime Minister agrees with the drafts, I should be grateful if you would arrange for them to be submitted to The Queen. It would be helpful if The Queen's approval, or any comments, could be communicated to us within about a week.

3. There may still need to be a change in the paragraph about Northern Ireland in the Speech on the Opening: whether that is necessary will depend on possible forthcoming events whose timing is still uncertain.

4. I am sending a copy of this minute and its enclosure to the Lord President of the Council as Chairman of QL.

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ROBERT ARMSTRONG

9 October 1985



10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Private Secretary*

10 October 1985

I enclose, as we discussed, copies of the latest drafts of The Queen's Speeches on the Prorogation and Opening of Parliament. As I mentioned, the Prime Minister will not be able to see these drafts until the weekend and therefore they remain subject to any comments Mrs. Thatcher may have. I would hope to get you the versions approved by the Prime Minister, together with the formal submission, in time for the Monday morning bag.

Timothy Flesher

Sir William Heseltine, K.C.V.O., C.B.