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From the Principal Private Secretary

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

PREPARATION FOR THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT IN WILLIAMSBURG

The Prime Minister has noted from a recent report of a conversation between the Chancellor of the Exchequer and Monsieur Cheysson that, according to Monsieur Cheysson, President Mitterrand is preparing a series of proposals for the Williamsburg summit, based on discussions with a (unspecified) group of socialist heads of government.

The Prime Minister considers that, if this report is well-founded, it would be as well for us to consider the preparation of a paper for the summit, so that the running is not left to President Mitterrand and his associates, who are likely to produce more prescriptive and interventionist proposals than other heads of government attending the summit will be disposed to favour.

Could you please consider this point and advise the Prime Minister.

I am copying this minute to Mr Fall (Foreign and Commonwealth Office) and Mr Kerr (Treasury).

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