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Economic Summit: Williamsburg

Thank you for your minute of 24 May, attaching a copy of the message which the Prime Minister has received from President Reagan.

2. On the economic side it contains no surprises: it is consistent with the United States thematic paper and with our discussion of it at the final meeting of Personal Representatives in Paris a fortnight ago.

3. I was, however, surprised to see that he hoped for a public statement from the Summit on INF, since it had been suggested at the final meeting of Personal Representatives that that proposal ought not to be proceeded with unless Heads of State or Government were unanimously in favour of a statement, and I was given to understand that, following the meeting between President Mitterrand and Chancellor Kohl in Paris, a message had gone to President Reagan to say that neither President Mitterrand nor Chancellor Kohl thought that a statement on INF should be issued at Williamsburg.

4. I am sending copies of this minute to the Private Secretaries to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary and the Secretary of State for Defence; and to Sir Julian Bullard.

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