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MR COLES

cc Mr Kerr
Mr Bone

Economic Summit, Williamsburg

The United States Personal Representative rang this afternoon about the Prime Minister's press briefing at Williamsburg on the evening of Sunday 29 May, before she departs.

2. He said that in the exceptional circumstances they saw no difficulty in accepting that the Prime Minister should give such a briefing, even though other Heads of State or Government were being asked not to brief until the Conference was over. She would presumably be briefing in place of the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary on the Sunday evening; other briefings would be provided by Foreign Ministers at this time. They have consulted the other countries concerned, and all saw no difficulty, though some had expressed the hope that the Prime Minister's briefing would be closely based on the agreed conclusions from the afternoon's meeting of Heads of State or Government and would not pre-empt the final declaration.

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

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Approved by
ROBERT ARMSTRONG
and signed in his absence

25 May 1983