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MR. WRIGHT
CABINET OFFICE

VERSAILLES ECONOMIE SUMMIT:
WORKING GROUP ON TECHNOLOGY

Thank you for your minute of 2 July.
Given the views of the French Government,
the Prime Minister agrees that Dr. Nicholson
should be nominated to represent the United
Kingdom on this working group.

A. J. COLES

6 July 1982

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Prime Minister

Given the views of the French government, agree that Dr. Nicholson should do this?

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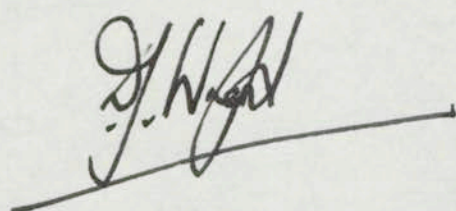
MR COLES

Yes not A.S.C. 2/7.

Versailles Economic Summit: Working Group on Technology

In your minute of today's date you reported that the Prime Minister had suggested that the Minister of State in the Department of Industry, Mr Kenneth Baker, should be nominated to represent the United Kingdom on this working group and that he could be assisted by Dr Nicholson.

2. Sir Robert Armstrong has spoken to Monsieur Attali, the Personal Representative of President Mitterrand, about the level of representation on the working group. Monsieur Attali has confirmed that the French Government expect representation to be at high official level and not at Ministerial level. In the light of this information, Sir Robert thinks that it would be inappropriate for the United Kingdom to be represented by Mr Kenneth Baker, and he hopes that the Prime Minister will agree that Dr Nicholson should take part in the deliberations of the working group as proposed.



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2nd July 1982

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MR. WRIGHT

VERSAILLES ECONOMIC SUMMIT: WORKING GROUP ON
TECHNOLOGY

The Prime Minister has seen Sir Robert Armstrong's minute of 29 June recommending that Dr. Robin Nicholson be nominated to represent the United Kingdom on the Working Group. The Prime Minister is inclined to think that we should nominate Mr. Kenneth Baker who could be assisted by Dr. Nicholson.

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2 July 1982

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Prime Minister

Agree that Dr. Nicholson
should be nominated?

I think Kenneth Baker
assisted by Dr. Nicholson.
A.J.C. 30/6

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PRIME MINISTER

The declaration of the Versailles Economic Summit announced the decision of Heads of State or Government to set up a working group on technology, employment and growth in the light of the report prepared by the President of the French Republic.

2. I have now had a message from the French President's Personal Representative, asking whom you wish to nominate as the United Kingdom member of this working group.

3. The President of the Republic has asked Monsieur Attali himself to represent France, and he will be in the chair. He will be assisted by Professor Francois Gros, Special Adviser to the French Prime Minister on scientific questions and Director of the Pasteur Institute in Paris.

4. I should like to recommend the nomination of Dr. Robin Nicholson, Chief Scientist, CPRS, to represent the United Kingdom on the working group. Dr. Nicholson will be happy to serve, if nominated.

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ROBERT ARMSTRONG

29th June, 1982