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From the Private Secretary

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

VENICE ECONOMIC SUMMIT

Your minute of 6 October conveyed the Italian Prime Minister's suggestion that the next Economic Summit should take place in Venice on 9, 10 and 11 June 1987.

These dates would involve missing two Question times and Cabinet and are therefore really not possible for the Prime Minister. I should be grateful if you could explain these difficulties to the Italian Prime Minister's personal representative and urge him to revert to the original dates of 7/9 June.

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

CHARLES POWELL
7 October 1986



From the Secretary of the Cabinet

Mr Powell

I understand that the dates now proposed are clear in the Chancellor's diary. The Foreign Sec. is scheduled to attend a NATO Council meeting in Iceland on 9 June - but presumably that meeting would be changed since ~~most~~ of the other Summit Foreign Ministers would have the same problem.

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MR POWELL

Venice Economic Summit

You authorised me to let the Italian Prime Minister's Personal Representative know that 7 to 9 June 1987 were (as far as we could see) acceptable dates for the Venice Economic Summit.

2. It appears that one participant cannot manage 7 and 8 June. The Italian Prime Minister is now therefore suggesting that the Summit should take place in Venice on 9, 10 and 11 June 1987.
3. I should be very grateful if you could let me know whether those dates would be acceptable to the Prime Minister. I am afraid that they will mean missing Question Time on 9 and 11 June (instead of only on 9 June).
4. I am sending copies of this minute to the Private Secretaries to the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary and the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

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ROBERT ARMSTRONG

6 October 1986

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From the Private Secretary

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

ECONOMIC SUMMIT 1987

Your minute of 18 September sought the Prime Minister's agreement to the dates 7 - 9 June 1987 for the next Economic Summit.

I can see no obstacle to these dates and we have entered them in the Prime Minister's diary.

(C.D. Powell)
18 September 1986

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PRIME MINISTER

Economic Summit 1987

The Italian Personal Representative has sent me a message to say that Signor Craxi wishes to propose that the next Economic Summit should take place in Venice on 7, 8 and 9 June 1987.

2. These dates coincide with those for the last Summit in London (7-9 June 1984). Dates in early June fit better than dates in early May (as in Bonn in 1985 and Tokyo last year) because they fit with the schedule of the annual IMF Interim and Development Committee spring meetings and OECD Ministerial meeting which are generally in May. The dates are acceptable to the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary and to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

3. May I tell the Italian Personal Representative that you are content with the proposed dates?

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ROBERT ARMSTRONG

18 September 1986

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