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*From the Private Secretary*

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

VENICE ECONOMIC SUMMIT

Your minute of 13 October asks for views on the alternative dates proposed by the Italians for the Venice Economic Summit. Our strong preference remains 7/9 June but I think the Prime Minister could manage 8/10 June if necessary. We have a fairly strong bias against 14/16 June.

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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Charles Powell  
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Venice Economic Summit

The dates for the Venice Economic Summit were discussed at the meeting of Personal Representatives last weekend.

2. I said that it was not possible for the Prime Minister to manage Thursday 11 June for the Economic Summit, and asked that the original dates (7-9 June) should be reinstated. The objections to 7 June were, however, sustained. In the end we were asked to consult Heads of State or Government about two possibilities:

in order of preference

- Sunday 14 to Tuesday 16 June
- Monday 8 to Wednesday 10 June.

3. The Italian Government is anxious to know as soon as possible whether either or both of these dates would be suitable, so that they can get ahead with booking of accommodation etc in Venice.

4. As the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary pointed out, 10 June clashes with the first day of the meeting of the North Atlantic Council in Reykjavik; but I suppose that it might be possible for that date to be postponed by one day, so that Foreign Ministers at the Economic Summit could go from Venice to Reykjavik on the morning of 11 June.

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ROBERT ARMSTRONG

13 October 1986

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- Did you want advice on these dates? A.

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8-10 June - miss one question.

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