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From the Private Secretary

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

The Prime Minister has noted your minute of 10 February about the recent meeting of Personal Representatives in preparation for the Venice Economic Summit. She has commented that it does not appear to have been a very productive meeting, dealing only in generalities and breaking no new ground. She finds the failure to exert pressure on the Japanese representative inexplicable (but presumes that we were not backward in this respect). She does not recall yet having been consulted about the issues which should be raised at the Summit. More generally, the Prime Minister wonders whether the nugatory results do not lead to the conclusion that we could manage with fewer meetings in this forum.

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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(C. D. POWELL)
11 February 1987

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