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From the Private Secretary

MR. WOOLLEY
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I have spoken to Mr. Ito in the Japanese Embassy about Mr. Nakasone's request for a bilateral meeting with the Prime Minister during the Venice Summit. I explained that the Prime Minister was likely to be present for only a very limited time and I could see no realistic prospect of her being able to fit in a formal bilateral. She would be disappointed, because she always had such bilaterals with Mr. Nakasone at Economic Summits and found them very useful. But I was sure that Mr. Nakasone would understand the special circumstances this time. No doubt the two Prime Ministers would have a chance to talk to each other during the Heads of Government dinner on the first evening or in the margins of the meeting the following morning.

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CHARLES POWELL

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cc PC
Duty Clerk

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MR POWELL

I have been approached by Mr Ito, Counsellor (Economic) at the Japanese Embassy, about the Venice Economic Summit. His purpose was to pass a message that Mr Nakasone would very much welcome the opportunity for a bilateral meeting with the Prime Minister during the course of the Summit, and suggested that, on the assumption that the Prime Minister would be present at this time, an opportunity might arise between the Reception hosted by the President of the Council of Ministers and dinner on the evening of Monday 8 June - ie at 7.30 pm.

2. I undertook to seek your guidance and come back to him. Alternatively, you may prefer to contact Mr Ito, or the Ambassador, direct.

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