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*Dear Trevor,*

**VENICE ECONOMIC SUMMIT: BRIEFING**

1. I understand that you have discussed with Economic Relations Department the form of briefing required for the Venice Economic Summit (8-10 June).
2. Following the custom of previous years, I enclose a draft list of briefs, which is based on the outcome of last weekend's meetings of Personal Representatives and Political Directors to prepare the Summit. Of the speaking notes, those on economic issues (brief number 2) would be intended for the Prime Minister's use during the plenary session in Venice on the morning of 9 June; those on political issues (brief number 3) for her use over dinner the previous evening.
3. You will, I understand, now incorporate the draft list into a call for briefs (with deadlines) from Whitehall Departments. It would, of course, be helpful if this could issue tomorrow (21 May): to allow time for drafting next week.

*Yours truly*

*Jeffrey Harrod*

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VENICE ECONOMIC SUMMIT: 8-10 JUNE 1987

## DRAFT LIST OF BRIEFS

|  | <u>Lead Department</u> | <u>In consultation with</u> |
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| <u>Key Briefs</u>  |                        |                             |
| 1. Steering Brief  | FCO                    | As appropriate              |
| 2. Speaking notes<br>on economic issues                            | HMT                    | FCO                         |
| 3. Speaking notes on<br>political issues                           | FCO                    |                             |
| 4. Thematic Paper  | FCO                    | As appropriate              |
| <u>Subject Briefs</u>  |                        |                             |
| <u>A. Economic Subjects</u>  |                        |                             |
| 5. World economy   | HMT                    | FCO                         |
| 6. Trade   | DTI                    | FCO, HMT                    |
| 7. Agriculture   | MAFF                   | FCO, DTI, HMT               |
| 8. Developing country<br>issues (including debt<br>and UNCTAD VII) | FCO                    | ODA, HMT                    |
| <u>B. Political Subjects</u> (FCO all subjects) (as appropriate)   |                        |                             |
| 9. East/West   |                        |                             |
| a. Relations with Soviet Union and Eastern Europe (SovD, EED)      |                        |                             |
| b. Arms control (ACDD, DefD)                                       |                        |                             |
| c. Afghanistan, Cambodia (SAD, SEAD)                               |                        |                             |
| d. Soviet policy in Asia/Pacific (SovD, SAD, SEAD, FED, SPD)       |                        |                             |
| 10. Terrorism (SCD)  |                        |                             |
| 11. South Africa (SAfD, ERD)                                       |                        |                             |
| 12. Middle East (NENAD, MED)                                       |                        |                             |
| 13. Iran/Iraq (MED)  |                        |                             |
| 14. Central America (MCAD)   |                        |                             |
| 15. Latin America (SAmD, ERD)                                      |                        |                             |

16. China, Korea and the Philippines (FED, SEAD)
17. United Nations (UND)
18. International Narcotics Control (NCAU, ERD)

C. Other Subjects

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|---|------|----------------|
| 19. Energy                              | DEn  | FCO            |
| 20. Education                           | DES  | FCO            |
| 21. Environment                         | DOE  | FCO            |
| 22. Human frontier<br>science proposals | DES  | Cabinet Office |
| 23. Bioethics                           | DES  | FCO            |
| 24. AIDS                                | DHSS | FCO            |