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Dear Nigel,

TORONTO SUMMIT: POLITICAL ISSUES

- 1. Thank you for your letter of 1 March recording the Sherpas' discussion of political subjects for Toronto.
- 2. I too would favour a single political declaration. It should be highly selective, limited to those key issues actually discussed in depth by Heads of State and Government, rather than trying to cover the whole field of current foreign policy concerns. As you say, they are likely to focus on East/West relations and the Middle East.
- 3. Patrick Wright will be speaking along these lines to the Japanese Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr Murata, when he calls on him on 12 April. The main purpose of Mr Murata's visit is to prepare for Mr Takeshita's talks with the Prime Minister at the beginning of May in which preparation for the Toronto Summit is expected to feature prominently. We shall let you know if anything useful emerges on the handling of political issues.

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