

PRIME MINISTER

TORONTO ECONOMIC SUMMIT

The last meeting of Sherpas takes place this weekend in Toronto when we will, once again, go over the ground for the Summit.

There is one particular point on which I would welcome your guidance. When Mr. Mulroney saw you last week, he asked you to open the discussion at the first meeting of Heads on the first afternoon of the Summit. He hoped that you could speak without notes so as to encourage a spontaneous discussion among the other Heads.

I think there is a great deal to be said for opening the batting in the way suggested by Mr. Mulroney. It would give you the opportunity to set the agenda for the economic discussion at the Summit and concentrate attention from the outset on the issues which you see as the important ones.

If you agree, I will tell my Canadian Sherpa colleague that you are very willing to begin the discussion in the way that Mr Mulroney suggested. Content?

Yes mt

I am sending a copy of this minute to the Private Secretaries to the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and to Sir Robin Butler.

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