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Dear Charles,

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Economic Summit 1991

Your letter of 7 September recorded the discussion between the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary on the dates and venue for the 1991 UK Economic Summit. We shall be going through our bookings with the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre on 6 October, and will let the Centre know that we can release our existing reservations in late May and in June, but that we shall want to keep those for 1-14 May and also reserve the first half of July.

There is a slight problem over days at the very beginning of July. The Centre already has a commercial booking for the first four days of that month. Would you wish to override that booking? Doing so would involve a financial penalty of £15,000 which the Centre would no doubt want HMG to reimburse. There would, however, be no problem in reserving the Centre for 5-18 July. Our view is that this period should offer sufficient flexibility over dates for a two and a half day Summit in the early part of that month, but you will want to consult the Prime Minister.

We are looking into the options for a Summit outside London. I shall write again with our suggestions in due course.

Yours ever,
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From the Private Secretary

7 September 1988

Dear Stephen.

ECONOMIC SUMMIT 1991

The Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary had some discussion this afternoon about the dates for the Economic Summit in the United Kingdom in 1991 and the question of reserving The Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre. It was agreed that it would be prudent to reserve the Centre for the first half of May and the first half of July, but it would probably not be necessary to hold reservations for the remainder of May or the month of June.

At the same time the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary did not rule out the possibility of holding the Summit somewhere outside London, possibly at Gleneagles. They recalled that contingency plans had been made for this in 1984 and thought it would be prudent to look at this again and consider whether a tentative reservation ought to be made for 1991.

Yours sincerely,
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