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PRIME MINISTER

## MEETING WITH PRESIDENT AQUINO

We have not been able to find a time for a formal meeting with Mrs. Aquino. But you may well sit next to each other at one of the social occasions or have an opportunity to talk in the margins of the Economic Summit later this week. If so you might cover the following points:

- congratulate her on her achievements since becoming President;
- renew the invitation to her to visit the UK;
- welcome the Philippines' agreement to host a Regional Processing Centre for Vietnamese Boat People. We hope it can be established as soon as possible. There is no need to create a link with the establishment of a holding camp for non-refugees in Vietnam itself: that will not be needed quite so quickly. But we shall certainly keep up the pressure on Vietnam;
- we hope that an agreement can be reached to enable the American bases to remain. They make a very important contribution to security and stability in the region. We have US bases and welcome them (and don't charge any rent, recognising that the Americans are contributing to our security).

A fuller note is in the folder.

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