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*Mr Powell,*

*Dear Nigel,*

*Since this is meant for the P.M., I think it should be kept in your archives, not mine. I see no reason for -  
of response. W.R.*

SUMMIT OF THE POOREST COUNTRIES

1. As you may have seen in the press, «representatives» of «seven of the world's poorest countries» - Bangladesh, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Haiti, Mozambique, Philippines, Zaire - met in Paris on 15 July in parallel with the Economic Summit. This alternative summit was organised by three Paris-based pressure groups, supported by non-governmental organisations in various developed countries including a British organisation called «European Farmers Coordination». The «representatives» were, as far as I am aware, self-appointed. I have seen nothing to suggest that there was any official support from governments of any of the seven countries. The 'alternative' summit did, however, get a certain amount of press coverage, and its programme included one or two well known names, such as René Dumont.

2. At the end of their summit a delegation called on the Elysée and left an information pack for each of the G7 leaders, which the Elysée promised to pass on. I attach the pack destined for the Prime Minister, which the Elysée have now asked us to forward to you. The Final Declaration included in it is a transcript from a large poster-sized manuscript which, unless you particularly want it, we shall keep here.

*Yours sincerely,  
Michael Jay*

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cc: T L Richardson Esq, ERD, FCO

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