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From the Private Secretary

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

Bonn Economic Summit

You spoke this morning to the Prime Minister about the Thematic Paper for the Bonn Economic Summit. The Prime Minister felt that the possible points of emphasis at the Bonn Summit (paragraph 4 of the revised version) were still cast in terms so general as to reduce their usefulness. The same applied to the suggested conclusions in paragraph 5. You pointed out the difficulties of reconciling views but agreed to see if there were ways in which the drafting could be sharpened up and key points made with greater clarity.

You also discussed the revised draft of the political declaration. The Prime Minister is in general content with this though she continues to have reservation about German reunification in the last sentence of paragraph 4. If others press for the exclusion of this, you should join them. But the Prime Minister recognises that something will probably have to be said to content the Germans and would if necessary be prepared to accept the proposed wording in paragraph 3(a) of your minute of 18 April.

I have sent under separate cover a copy of the Prime Minister's speaking note on deregulation and jobs at the European Council in March. The Prime Minister is likely to want a full speaking note on the economic issues for the Bonn Economic Summit and I should be grateful if work could be set in hand on this.

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I am copying this minute to the Private Secretaries to the Chancellor and the Foreign Secretary.

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