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MR POWELL

Bonn Economic Summit: Manned Space Station

At the meeting of Personal Representatives this weekend we were reminded that in London last year the President of the United States had undertaken to report to the Bonn Summit on the development of international participation in the United States manned space station programme. The United States Personal Representative circulated a report (copy attached), with the request that it should be submitted to Heads of State or Government.

2. I am sending a copy of this minute to the Private Secretary to the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary.

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ROBERT ARMSTRONG

22 April 1985

UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON

April 16, 1985

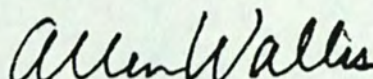
MEMORANDUM

TO: Ms. Sylvia Ostry
Mr. Pascal Lamy
Dr. Hans Tietmeyer
Mr. Jacques Attali
Mr. Renato Ruggiero
Mr. Reishi Teshima
Sir Robert Armstrong

SUBJECT: U.S. Report on International Participation in
the Space Station

The Declaration of the London Economic Summit committed the United States to report on the status of international participation in the Space Station Program at the Bonn Summit. That report is attached.

The President of the United States will draw upon the report in his discussion of the Space Station at the Summit. In preparation, I would appreciate your providing it to your Heads of State/Government.


Allen Wallis

Attachment:

As Stated.

U.S. REPORT TO THE BONN ECONOMIC SUMMIT
Space Station International Participation

In January 1984, the President of the United States committed the U.S. to develop a permanently manned Space Station within a decade in order to satisfy civil and commercial requirements for a space operations facility. At the same time, he invited friends and allies to join the U.S. in order to share the benefits of this major technological undertaking. The U.S. is confident that the Station will be the focal point for free world space operations well into the next century and believes that international participation in the undertaking represents a tangible and highly visible demonstration of the Western industrialized nations' commitment to working together for mutual benefit.

In June 1984, at the London Economic Summit, discussions among the Heads of State/Government resulted in their conclusion that the Space Station is "the kind of programme that provides a stimulus for technological development leading to strengthened economies and improved quality of life." The Summit participants further welcomed "the intention of the U.S. to report at the next Summit on international participation in their programme."

Since last June, Europe (working through the European Space Agency), Japan and Canada have made the political and budgetary decisions necessary to accept the invitation of the U.S. to participate in the Space Station Program. Agreements governing cooperation during the next two years' design phase of the Program have been negotiated and will be signed in the very near future.* All of the international partners have indicated their intent to continue into the follow-on development, operation and utilization phases of the Program, pending the satisfactory negotiation of follow-on agreements, the successful completion of their design studies, and the availability of their funds for the Program. Formal decisions to proceed will be made by each of the international partners at the end of the design phase.

At the Bonn Summit, the President plans to express his appreciation for the extremely positive responses of Europe, Japan and Canada to his invitation for international participation in this important program. The accomplishments of the past year portend a productive long-term partnership in the peaceful use of space for the benefit of all mankind here on earth.

*Signing ceremonies are scheduled April 16, Ottawa, for the NASA/Canada agreement; April 26, Washington, D.C., for the NASA/ESA agreement; May 9, Tokyo, for the NASA/Japan agreement.

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