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*From the Private Secretary*

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

BONN ECONOMIC SUMMIT: POLITICAL DECLARATION

The Prime Minister has considered the revised version of the Political Declaration for the Bonn Economic Summit submitted under cover of your minute of 29 April. She has no difficulty with the two amendments identified in paragraph 3, subparagraphs 1 and 2 of your minute, but finds the French objection to any reference to the United States in the context of the Geneva talks petty to a degree (though recalls a similar problem at the London Summit last year). She would wish to be supplied with alternative drafts, some of which would be considerably more objectionable to the French Government, in the hope of being able to arrive at a more balanced final version.

I am copying this minute to the Private Secretary to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

Charles Powell

SWH

1 May 1985