CONFIDENTIAL 10 DOWNING STREET **LONDON SW1A 2AA** From the Private Secretary 21 May 1987 VENICE ECONOMIC SUMMIT: TERRORISM I have seen Sir Robert Armstrong's letter to you of 20 May about the proposal by the French Ministry of the Interior that there should be a meeting of Ministers of the Interior of the Summit seven countries before the Venice Econmic Summit next month to discuss terrorism. I have also seen a number of telegrams on the subject. The Prime Minister takes the view that we should certainly express readiness to attend such a meeting if it is held. While she is content with the present draft declaration on terrorism for the Summit, she thinks that we should take every opportunity on offer to strengthen cooperation on this issue among the leading western countries.

I am sending copies of this letter to Tony Galsworthy (Foreign and Commonwealth Office) and to Sir Robert Armstrong.

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