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*From the Private Secretary*

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

The Prime Minister has considered your minute of 2 November about the forthcoming meeting of Personal Representatives to prepare for the Toronto Economic Summit.

The Prime Minister would indeed wish you to argue for a reduction in the number of such preparatory meetings. She would also like you to go beyond this and see what support can be attracted for an attempt to restore the Summits to something closer to their original conception. By this she means, whether some way can be found of reducing numbers, limiting the formality of the occasion, restricting the number of subjects covered and restoring something of the intimacy which was the original idea. This will no doubt be uphill work given Mr. Mulroney's evident intention to make as much political capital out of the Toronto Summit as possible. But since the focus of your meeting is on organisation, the Prime Minister would be grateful if you could explore how far others are prepared to go in the direction I have suggested.

As regards the substance of the Summit, the Prime Minister agrees that it is too early to discuss this usefully yet. But she will want to start collective consideration of this with colleagues principally concerned fairly soon. I will make arrangements for a meeting.

The Prime Minister is not yet ready to address the question of who should succeed you as Personal Representative.

C.D.P.

Charles Powell

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