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MEETING OF G7 DEPUTIES

On Friday morning in Washington we held a meeting of G7 Deputies to organise our work to follow up the G7 Ministerial meeting. No problems on that to trouble the Chancellor but I should mention two other points which did come up.

G7 Report to Summit

2. Our Canadian colleague suggested we should meet soon to prepare a draft G7 report to the Toronto Summit. Mulford and I took the lead, quickly followed by Tietmeyer and Gyohten, and with Trichet and Sarcinelli acquiescing, to reject this idea. We argued that no such report should be made, because:

- none had been requested (unlike last year when arguably there was a remit from the previous year's meeting);
- we should not fall into an institutional procedure of regular reports - contrary to spirit of Summit;
- there would be a risk of provoking yet another row with the Commission over their locus in relation to 'Summit-related G7 work'.

3. Our Canadian colleague accepted - indeed apologised for not having thought this through, and said he thought Wilson would be happy to be relieved of the burden of reporting, provided we were all of the same mind. So we shall not prepare a report.

4. I am copying this page to Nigel Wicks as UK sherpa.