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From the Principal Private Secretary

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

You discussed this morning with the Prime Minister the Lord Privy Seal's request that he should be added to one of the Ministerial economic committees. The Prime Minister was content that he should be added to E(A). May I leave it to your office to clear this with the Chancellor (if that is thought necessary) and inform Mr. Biffen?

E. E. R. BUTLER

22 July 1983



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The Lord Privy Seal has approached me about his omission from membership of the main economic committees. He said that he was not pressing to be a member of E(S) or E(A) if this would cause difficulties, but would be interested to serve as a member if there were no objection.

I have subsequently discussed this with Mr. Heyhoe who thinks that the Lord Privy Seal would not press to be a member of E(S) in view of its deliberately small size. But he would be willing and interested to serve on E(A).

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Could you please let me know your reaction to this. If it is thought that E(A) is already too big, I am sure that the Lord Privy Seal will not press the point.

E. E. R. BUTLER

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