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Thank you for your minute of 22 March with a copy of President Reagan's message of 20 March about the space shuttle mission.

2. The President's Personal Representative has already given notice that this is a subject which the President will want to raise at the Summit, and that was reflected in our draft thematic paper. The President will no doubt be looking for suitable words in the declaration of the Summit.

3. It is becoming increasingly clear that the President will also want the subject of state terrorism to be discussed at the Economic Summit, and no doubt to feature in some kind of statement from the Summit. One recent telegram from Washington suggested that the Americans felt that other allies in the Summit were resisting this. It has not in fact been raised as a possibility at any meeting of Personal Representatives, but there has been some discussion below that level. British representatives have not sought to resist the idea of a discussion at the Summit, though they have suggested that it might be unwise to contemplate a declaration unless it was fairly clear that there was something useful to say.

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