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From the Principal Private Secretary

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SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

ACTION TO COUNTER TERRORISM

During a meeting which the Prime Minister held with the Home Secretary, Sir Brian Cubbon, the Director of the Security Service, Sir Antony Duff and yourself this morning there was discussion of proposals which the Prime Minister might make to other Heads of Government at the Economic Summit about measures to improve international co-operation in countering terrorism. It was pointed out that co-operation in the sharing of intelligence was already good, and that the main emphasis of future action needed to be on operational co-operation, of the sort which had been achieved in countering high-jacking. The Prime Minister said that she would welcome ideas about practical suggestions which she could put to Heads of Government on this aspect during the Economic Summit. The Prime Minister asked you to report back following the meetings of sherpas this weekend and said that she might wish to have a further discussion of this aspect in advance of the Summit

I am copying this minute to Mr. Appleyard (Foreign and Commonwealth Office) and to Mr. Taylor (Home Office).

F. E. R. BUTLER

18 May, 1984

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