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*From the Private Secretary*

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

ECONOMIC SUMMIT 1986

The Prime Minister has considered your minute of 15 July about the dates for the next Economic Summit.

I confirm that she would be prepared accept an invitation to Tokyo from 3-5 May 1986.

I am sending copies of this minute to the Private Secretaries to the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, the Chancellor of the Exchequer and to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

C.D.P

Charles Powell

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MR POWELL



Prime Minister

Yes - no  
alternative  
not for

Agree those dates  
for the Tokyo Summit?  
It's a Bank Holiday  
week-end.

Tokyo Economic Summit 1986

CDP  
12/7.

The Japanese Prime Minister's Personal Representative has asked me whether the Prime Minister would be able and willing to accept an invitation from his Prime Minister to attend the Economic Summit in Tokyo from 3 to 5 May 1986. These dates are earlier than usual for the Economic Summit (though they are exactly a year after the Bonn Summit). They have been chosen because they fall during a series of national holidays in Japan and would create less risk of time conflicts in terms of the Japanese domestic political schedule. (I understand that Mr Nakasone's term as Prime Minister expires at the end of June, and I suppose that the preceding weeks may be taken up with a period of electoral or leadership contests.)

2. These dates are earlier in the year than is really convenient in relation to the schedule of international meetings, but that is not a decisive consideration. They fall on the Saturday to Monday of the weekend of the early May Bank Holiday. The Prime Minister would have to leave London not later than about lunchtime on Friday 2 May.

3. I should be grateful if you would let me know whether the Prime Minister would be prepared to accept an invitation to Tokyo for the Economic Summit from 3 to 5 May 1986.

4. I am sending copies of this minute to the Private Secretaries to the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, the Chancellor of the Exchequer. I am also sending a copy to the Private Secretary to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, in case the Japanese pursue their idea of a separate meeting of Summit country Trade and Industry Ministers to coincide with the Summit.

Approved by  
ROBERT ARMSTRONG  
and signed in his absence.

15 July 1985