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Economic Summit

- 1. Importance of a clear message from the Summit of commitment to non-inflationary growth and resistance to protectionism. Important to set a date for new GATT round.
- 2. No case for international monetary conference which would raise unrealisable expectations. Continue to work within IMF/World Bank framework.
- 3. Must not allow France to drag Summit into unnecessary confrontation with the US over SDI.

European Community

4. Congratulate Italian Presidency on achievements to date.

- 5. We should have substantive discussion of the future of the Community at the June European Council leading to decisions. No need for long drawn-out intergovernmental conference.
- 6. Our priorities will be: completion of the internal market: strengthening political cooperation: practical steps to improve decision-taking (more use of majority voting provisions of the Treaty, and of abstention procedure).
- 7. Vital to resist any attempt by European Parliament to transfer our abatement from revenue to expenditure side.