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THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S BILATERAL MEETING WITH MISS FLORA MACDONALD MP

1. Lord Carrington saw Miss MacDonald after the Prime Minister's lunch today:

(a) Rhodesia

Miss MacDonald said that the Canadians were worried about the UK being isolated, and did not want to be isolated with us. However, they would like to be helpful, though in a different way from the Australians; in Miss MacDonald's view, Mr Fraser had leaned too far towards the Africans in his speech yesterday. Canadian public opinion could not accept the present Rhodesian Government, but would be much more ready to do so if there were changes to the Constitution and if Mr Smith were to go. Lord Carrington said that it would be helpful if the Canadians could do whatever possible to restrain the more excitable Commonwealth leaders. He told Miss MacDonald in strict confidence that we were indeed unhappy about aspects of the Constitution, and would probably be making proposals in the next few weeks. Miss MacDonald undertook to keep this for Mr Clark's ears only.

(b) Australian Resolution on Racialism

Miss MacDonald said that the Canadians had asked the Australians to co-sponsor this resolution. They were reluctant to do this since they thought it added nothing new to UN pronouncements on racialism; and because they suspected it was simply another Australian attempt to ingratiate themselves with the Third World. Lord Carrington said that the Australians had not even tried to get us to co-sponsor the resolution.

(c) Namibia

Miss MacDonald said that the Canadians had been asked to introduce the Namibian discussions during the debate on Southern Africa tomorrow.

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