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TO IMMEDIATE OTTAWA  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 406 OF 5 DECEMBER

PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
SERIAL No. T235A/80

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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER FOR DELIVERY  
TO MR TRUDEAU.

QUOTE

FOLLOWING OUR MEETING IN JUNE, YOU WERE GOOD ENOUGH TO SEND TWO  
OF YOUR COLLEAGUES, YOUR SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
MR MARK MACGUIGAN AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOL-  
OGY AND MINISTER OF THE ENVIRONMENT, MR JOHN ROBERTS, TO SEE ME  
IN SEPTEMBER. I FOUND IT MOST USEFUL TO BE BROUGHT UP TO DATE IN  
THIS WAY WITH THE PROGRESS YOU ARE MAKING ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL  
ISSUE.

TAKING A LEAF OUT OF YOUR BOOK, I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST A  
VISIT TO OTTAWA BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DEFENCE, FRANCIS  
PYM, AS A CONTINUATION OF OUR DIALOGUE. IF IT WAS CONVENIENT TO  
YOU, HE COULD SEE YOU ON 18 OR 19 DECEMBER. I SHOULD SAY AT ONCE  
THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN OUR POLICY SINCE I SAW YOU IN  
JUNE AND WE HAD THE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS IN SEPTEMBER. THERE ARE,  
HOWEVER, POINTS BEARING ON TIMING AT THIS END WHICH CAN, I  
BELIEVE, BE MOST USEFULLY EXPLAINED TO YOU AT FIRST HAND. NO  
DOUBT MR PYM WOULD ALSO BE ABLE TO CALL ON HIS OPPOSITE NUMBER,  
MR LAMONTAGNE, AS WELL PERHAPS AS ON MR MACGUIGAN.

PERHAPS I SHOULD ADD THAT I ASKED MR PYM TO VISIT YOU NOT  
ONLY FOR HIS SENIORITY IN THE CABINET BUT ALSO BECAUSE OF HIS  
DEEP EXPERIENCE OF OUR PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (PARTICULARLY AS  
CHIEF WHIP).

IT WILL PROBABLY BE IMPOSSIBLE TO AVOID PUBLICITY FOR MR  
PYM'S VISIT. IT WILL CLEARLY BE IMPORTANT THAT YOUR PEOPLE AND  
MINE SHOULD WORK OUT A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE FORMULA FOR USE WITH  
THE PRESS.



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I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT YOU WILL WELCOME THIS PROPOSED VISIT.  
I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU.

WITH MY BEST WISHES MEANWHILE.

SQUARE BRACKETS MARGARET THATCHER SQUARE BRACKETS

END QUOTE

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