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BILATERAL MEETINGS

1. The US Delegation have conveyed an invitation from President Carter for the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State to join him and Mr Vance for a very informal drink at the US Ambassador's Residence at 18.15 this evening. They suggest that the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State might stay for about 30 minutes. The Canadian Prime Minister will have been there before-hand and might possibly be still lingering at 18.15.
2. The Americans propose that the meetings should be extremely informal, without any note-takers or Private Secretaries present. They have no objection of course to Detectives or Private Secretaries if necessary travelling to the Embassy but would not expect them to join the conversation.
3. Driving time to the US Embassy from the hotel with police escort is approximately 8 minutes. Driving time from the hotel to the French Embassy is approximately 15 minutes. Time will therefore be rather tight for the dinner given by President Giscard, which is now to be at 19.30. Nevertheless it would still be just possible for the Prime Minister to return to the hotel and to change before leaving for the French Embassy.
4. If both the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State would like to accept this invitation (we have provisionally indicated that they will), the need for a breakfast meeting between Lord Carrington and Mr Vance may be reduced. Mr Vance cannot in any event meet Lord Carrington at breakfast on 28 June, as he has an engagement with Mr Genscher which has involved rather complex arrangements and cannot now be shifted.
5. I have however made provisional arrangements with the Canadian Delegation for a breakfast meeting between Lord Carrington and the Canadian Foreign Minister on 28 June (the Canadians cannot manage 29 June), and have provisionally suggested a time of 07.45 in Lord Carrington's suite.
6. You may wish now to take this further yourself. The person responsible in the US Delegation is Mr Wisner (US Embassy Ext 7102/6/7); the person responsible in the Canadian Delegation is Mr Gignac (New Otani, Ext 4805/4820).

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The Americans now say that the meeting over a drink proposed for this evening is intended to replace the breakfast planned for 29 June for the PM only.