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The Prime Minister has already proposed a breakfast meeting with President Carter in the margins of the Tokyo Summit and you will have seen the President's response (Washington telno 1373 of 7 June enclosed).

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The Canadian Prime Minister has now also asked for a meeting with the Prime Minister and has suggested late morning or early afternoon of 27 June. We have explained that this timing is unlikely to suit the Prime Minister. Lord Carrington recommends that the Prime Minister should have a bilateral meeting with Mr Clark and I should be grateful to know whether and when this might be arranged.

Since the Prime Minister will have seen her European colleagues at the European Council, Lord Carrington does not think it necessary for the Prime Minister to have bilaterals with them unless she so wishes. He would, however, advise the Prime Minister to propose a bilateral meeting with the Japanese Prime Minister, but not to press this if he is preoccupied with the Summit itself.

I am copying this letter to Martin Vile (Cabinet Office).

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From the Private Secretary

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BILATERAL MEETINGS IN TOKYO

Thank you for your letter of 11 June about possible bilateral meetings in Tokyo between the Prime Minister on the one hand and the Canadian and Japanese Prime Ministers on the other.

The Prime Minister would be glad to have a bilateral meeting with Mr. Clark if this can be fitted into the programme: I should be grateful for advice on a possible timing and our High Commission in Ottawa may like to confirm to Mr. Clark's Office straightaway that the Prime Minister would be glad to have a meeting with him on the margin of the Summit.

The Prime Minister does not wish to take the initiative in proposing a bilateral meeting with Mr. Ohira who, she considers, will be too pre-occupied with hosting the meeting to be able to devote time to bilaterals.

I should be grateful if briefing for the Prime Minister's, bilateral meeting with Mr. Clark could be prepared in time to reach me not later than Friday, 22 June.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Martin Vile (Cabinet Office).

B. G. CARTLEDGE

J. S. Wall, Esq., Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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