

I would still plan for July 12th . F3-11(1)
If that date is missed, we should discuss
alternate timing; early August is less than ideal

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRIME MINISTER


The Constitution - The London Perspective

Fred Gibson and I spent four days in London last week, arriving on the morning of Wednesday, April 29 and departing on the morning of Sunday, May 3. During our visit, in addition to meetings with Officials at the High Commission to review our strategy over the next month, we attended two luncheons for M.P.'s and Lords, had a two-hour meeting with Government Officials from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO), the Cabinet Office and the Attorney General's Office, met with the Queen's Private Secretary, Sir Philip Moore, met with the Ontario Agent-General, Ross De Geer, and attended a press lunch with one representative each of the BBC, The Times and The Telegraph.

The following is a summary of the various component elements of our visit:

(1) Meetings with M.P.'s and Lords

Both luncheons with M.P.'s and Lords were addressed by Serge Joyal. In total, 28 M.P.'s and Lords attended the two luncheons, one of which was hosted by the High Commissioner at her residence and the other was hosted by Reeves Haggan in a private room at a restaurant. The atmosphere at both luncheons was generally positive. 1



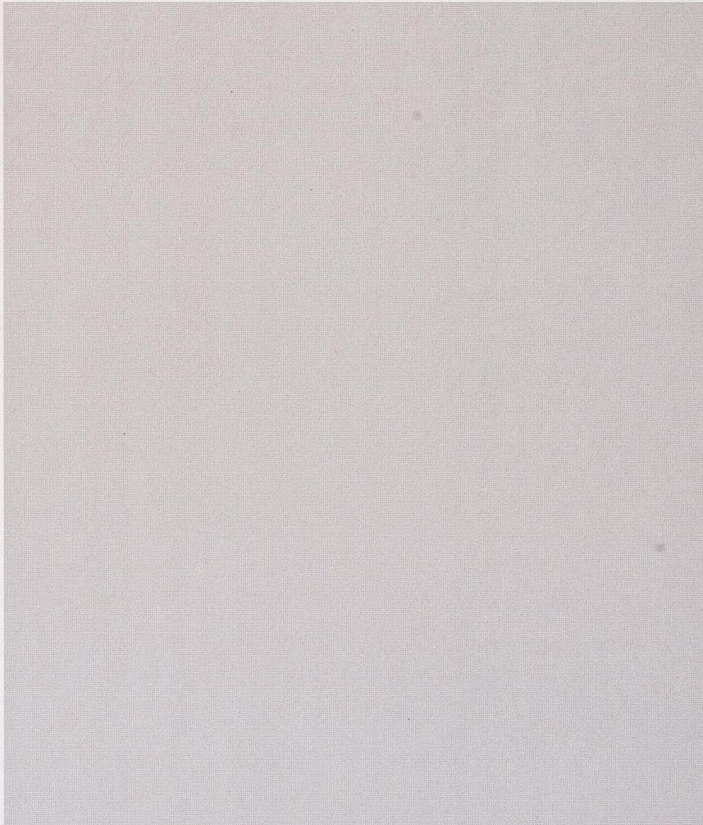
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(2) The Meeting with Officials

The meeting with FCO Officials, Cabinet Office Officials and an Official from the Attorney General's Office was very useful. It provided an opportunity, at one meeting, to update Officials of the three offices primarily concerned and to discuss issues of timing and tactics with them. The Senior Officer from the FCO will have reported directly to Lord Carrington and Sir Ian Gilmour on the meeting. The

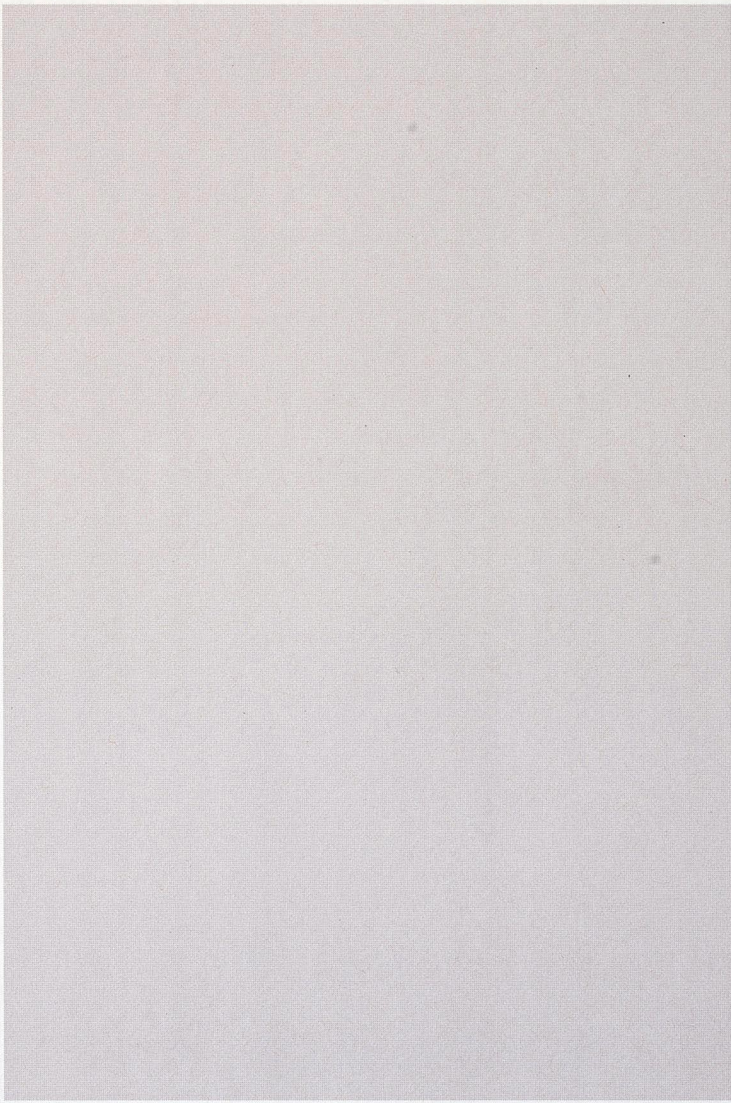
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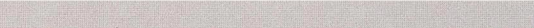


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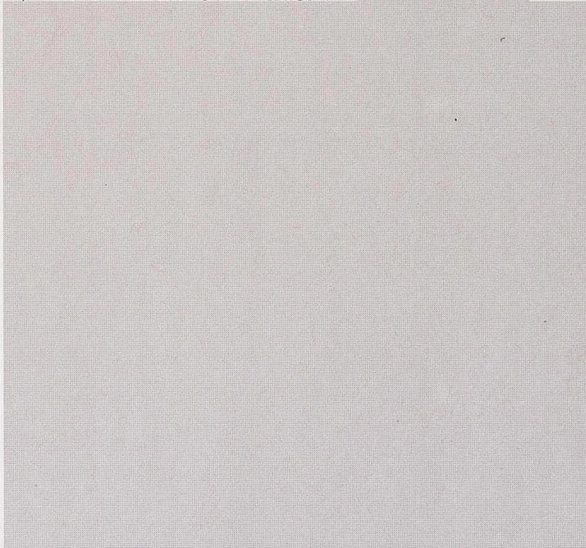
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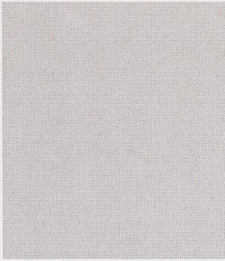
(3) The Queen's Private Secretary



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briefed Sir Philip on developments since
my last visit to London.



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(4) Meeting with the Ontario Agent-General

We met with Ross De Geer with a view to coordinating activities of Ontario House in London with those of Canada House. Mr. De Geer is most willing to cooperate. We agreed that Ontario House would concentrate a significant portion of its efforts on the business community in London and on Members of Parliament and Lords having business connections in Canada. To this end, De Geer will be

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arranging a program for John Robarts who will be in London May 12 and who has indicated that he will keep the day free for constitutional matters. In addition to business contacts on that day, we hope to be able to arrange for Mr. Robarts to meet with Senior Officials of the British Conservative Party. Later in the month, Hugh Segal, Dr. Ed Stewart and Don Stevenson will likely visit London from Toronto.

(5) Press Lunch

We had a useful lunch with representatives of the BBC, The Times and The Telegraph, arranged by Jonathan Manthorpe

[redacted] who has come on contract to my office until August 1.

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The luncheon was productive and amiable. Unfortunately, it produced one negative side-effect initiated by the representative of The Telegraph. A copy of an article that appeared in the Toronto Star of Sunday, May 3, is attached. The article reflects, in a highly inaccurate manner, the discussion at the press lunch. I am advised that the article was not written by the representative of The Telegraph who was at the lunch. Apparently, it was written by a woman to whom The Telegraph representative had spoken after the lunch. The Star article has been picked up by the CP wire.

General Conclusion

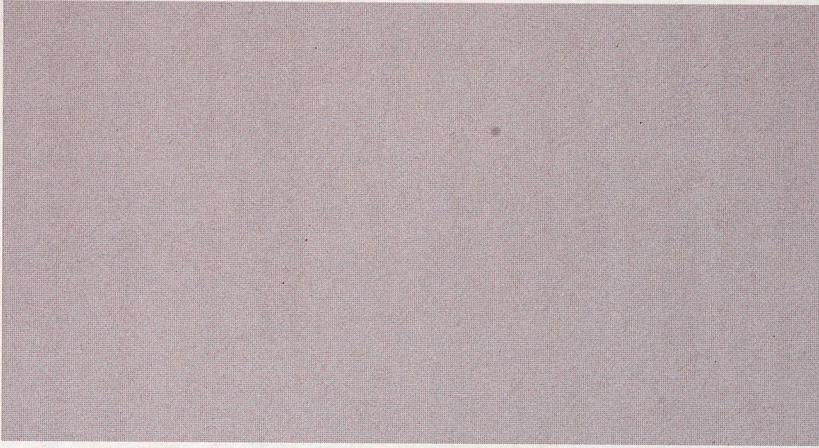
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