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From the Private Secretary

11 May 1984

LONDON ECONOMIC SUMMIT: BILATERAL WITH
THE CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER

Thank you for your letter of 10 May.

The Prime Minister could see Mr. Trudeau at
0830 on Friday, 8 June for three quarters of an hour.

I am copying this letter to Richard Hatfield
(Cabinet Office).

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Fr. 8 June.

you John,

London Economic Summit: Bilateral with the Canadian Prime Minister

/ You may have seen from Ottawa telegram no 243 (copy enclosed) that Mr Trudeau has, in the event, been unable to accept the Prime Minister's offer of a bilateral meeting at 3 p.m. on 4 June. We understand that he does not now plan to visit London before his arrival for the Summit itself on the morning of 7 June.

/ Ottawa have recommended in their telegram no 271 (copy enclosed) that we should make an effort to find an alternative time for a bilateral meeting, either in the margins of the Summit itself, or possibly, immediately prior to Mr Trudeau's departure at midday on Sunday 10 June.

We should obviously prefer to avoid a situation where Mr Trudeau was the only Summit leader not to hold a bilateral meeting with the Prime Minister. Although there is now virtually no slack in the programme, I wonder whether you are in a position to suggest any alternative time which might be put to the Canadians?

I am copying this letter to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

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John Bone

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B YOUR TELNO 99: LONDON ECONOMIC SUMMIT

1. MR TRUDEAU IS VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE OFFER OF A MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AT 1500 HOURS ON 4 JUNE, BUT UNFORTUNATELY CANNOT MANAGE THAT DAY. CANADIAN OFFICIALS ARE NOT REPEAT NOT PRESSING FOR AN ALTERNATIVE SLOT, ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT MRS THATCHER IS NOT SCHEDULING SEPARATE BILATERALS FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS.

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YOUR TELNO 104: ⁽¹⁷⁾ LONDON ECONOMIC SUMMIT

SUMMARY

1. SINCE ALL OTHER SUMMIT PARTICIPANTS WILL BE HAVING A BILATERAL WITH THE PRIME MINISTER I RECOMMEND THAT WE SHOULD MAKE A DETERMINED EFFORT TO ARRANGE ONE WITH MR TRUDEAU.

DETAIL

2. GIVEN THAT THIS WILL BE HIS LAST SUMMIT, AND IN THE LIGHT OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO CANADA LAST AUTUMN AS MR TRUDEAU'S GUEST, I BELIEVE WE SHOULD DEMONSTRATE TO THE CANADIANS KEENNESS TO ARRANGE A BILATERAL - BOTH AS A COURTESY AND FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR RELATIONS.

3. PUBLIC PERCEPTION. IF WE DO NOT ARRANGE A BILATERAL THE PRESS ARE LIABLE TO GET HOLD OF THE FACT THAT TRUDEAU ALONE IS NOT HAVING ONE, AND MAKE USE OF IT.

4. TRUDEAU'S PRE-SUMMIT TIMETABLE HAS BEEN IN DISARRAY FOR THE LAST FEW DAYS AS A RESULT OF PRESIDENT MITTERRAND'S INTERFERENCE WITH THE CANADIANS PLANS TO HOLD THEIR OWN D-DAY CELEBRATIONS EARLY ON 6 JUNE, AND AN INVITATION TO LUNCH WITH THE QUEEN ON 7 JUNE. PLEASE SEE MY TELNO 270, EXPLAINING HIS CURRENT PLAN TO ARRIVE AT (HEATHROW) AT 11.00 AM ON 7 JUNE. HE IS EXPECTED TO LEAVE LONDON AT MIDDAY ON SUNDAY 10 JUNE, BUT THERE MAY BE SOME FLEXIBILITY.

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5. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES I HOPE IT MAY BE POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO INSTRUCT ME TO TELL THE DEA THAT WE ENTIRELY UNDERSTAND MR TRUDEAU'S INABILITY TO ACCEPT THE OFFER OF A BILATERAL AT 3 PM ON 4 JUNE (YOUR TELNO 99): BUT THAT MRS THATCHER WOULD NEVERTHELESS WELCOME A BILATERAL AND VERY MUCH HOPES THAT IT WILL STILL BE POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE ONE AT A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME, ALTHOUGH THIS MAY PROVE DIFFICULT GIVEN THE TIGHT TIMETABLES ON BOTH SIDES. IT WOULD BE AN ADVANTAGE IF WE COULD OFFER THE CANADIANS SOME ALTERNATIVES, EG IN THE MARGINS OF THE CONFERENCE, EVEN IF BRIEFLY: OR ON SUNDAY MORNING JUNE 10TH. (THERE IS PERHAPS A CHANCE THAT TRUDEAU MIGHT BE ABLE TO ARRIVE EARLIER THAN 11.00 AM ON 7 JUNE, BUT WE SHOULD NOT RELY ON THIS).

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