

PRIME MINISTER

## FORMAT OF THE TORONTO SUMMIT

*Yes - a very reasonable compromise MF*

The discussion of the format of the Summit at the weekend's Sherpa Meeting was complicated by an **American proposal** which had apparently been communicated to **Mr. Mulroney** at a late stage by **President Reagan**. The rather vague American proposal seemed to boil down to a suggestion that the Summit should open with a meeting on the first day (**Sunday**) where the leaders would meet in **relaxed style** (possibly in a retreat format) to discuss broad **long term** economic issues. The US Sherpa mentioned as possible topics: the effect of changing **demography** on economies; integrating the **USSR into the world economy**; and the growing **interdependence of world markets**.

The Germans could have "gone along with" the American format, and so could, I think, have the Canadians. I argued for the traditional format. In the end, the discussions produced the Possible Format attached. Its essentials are:

- (i) Official Welcomes on **Sunday morning** (25 minutes a delegation).
- (ii) On the **Sunday afternoon** there should be the **opening session**, devoted to **economic subjects**, which normally takes place on the morning of the second day.
- (iii) No retreat, nor reception.
- (iv) A **1-1½ hour "unstructured discussion"** before dinner on the second day to discuss **"longer term economic issues"**.

I said that I would seek your views.

I think that the proposed format is acceptable. It avoids a retreat; it begins the Summit in a businesslike way with a discussion of economic issues (a point which many Sherpas

attached importance to); and it meets the strongly held US wish for an unstructured discussion of longer term economic issues. (If this approach is agreed, we will need to consider whether we should table issues for discussion under this heading.)

If you find real difficulty with the proposed format, you will need to speak to Mr. Mulroney when you see him at the NATO Summit.

Content with the format attached?

*Yes ml*

I am sending a copy of this note to the Private Secretary of the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary and to the Chancellor of the Exchequer. A copy also goes to Sir Robin Butler.

*N.L.W.*

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POSSIBLE FORMAT

DAY 1

SUN

Official Welcomes (*in reverse protocol order*)

Afternoon First Meeting Separate Sessions  
beginning at approx. 3:00 p.m.

- MTCC (*Metro Toronto Convention Centre*)
- Translators
- Sherpas
- Regular First Session (economic subjects)

Evening

- No reception
- Dinners - Separate (*at ROYAL CANADIAN YACHT CLUB  
for HEADS OF STATE + GOVT*)

DAY 2

Morning Plenary Session (Economic)

Lunch Heads and Foreign Ministers

Afternoon Plenary

Late Afternoon Pre-dinner Session (1-1 1/2 hrs.)

- At dinner location (*HART HOUSE*)
- Unstructured discussion
- Longer term economic issues - to be defined
- Simultaneous translation
- Sherpa attendance (to be decided)
- No telewriting

Evening Dinners - separate

DAY 3

Morning Plenary - Consideration of Communiqué

Lunch Given by Governor General

Afternoon Reading of Communiqué

*Paper prepared by the  
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