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For David,

VISIT BY MR TRUDEAU

1. You will have heard that Mr Trudeau is paying a brief visit to this country on Friday 26 June. He will be coming from Paris and Bonn and the main object is preparation for the Ottawa Economic Summit (20/21 July). It is also probable that he will wish to discuss the (at present obscure) position over the Canadian constitution.
2. The Prime Minister is hosting a lunch for Mr Trudeau, to which Sir Robert Armstrong will by now have been invited (1.00 for 1.15 pm). Mr Trudeau will thereafter come across to the FCO for talks (approximately 2.45 pm) with Lord Carrington (who will not have been at the lunch; the Lord Privy Seal is invited to that).
3. In view of the shortness of the visit there seems no point in mounting an elaborate Cabinet Office exercise. We shall therefore prepare the briefs, concentrating on the Summit and on the constitution and we shall be consulting other Whitehall Departments as appropriate. In addition, we have heard that Mr Trudeau will want to raise the question of terrorism/hijacking. We will also, if there is time, almost certainly wish to mention our initiative on Afghanistan, East/West relations and the position over Namibia (in view of Canadian membership in the Five).
4. I am sending a copy of this letter to Michael Alexander (No 10), Craig Pickering (Treasury), Vi Read (ODA), Jonathon Phillips (Department of Trade) and Ian Fitzpatrick (Department of Energy).

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