



10 DOWNING STREET

John -

I phoned Fco today to follow up your letter of 1/11/83 about the possible visit to London by the Canadian Prime Minister.

They said that you have the arrangements in hand.

Is this correct, or should I chase Fco again?

Cameron 9/11/83.

Cameron

All in hand thanks.

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PRIME MINISTER

We still await confirmation from the Canadians that Mr. Trudeau will join you for talks and lunch on Friday, 11 November.

If this does go ahead, it will unfortunately make it very difficult for you to vote on Mr. Graham Bright's Bill. I understand that the Division will be at 2.30 p.m. Mr. Trudeau is due to arrive at 12.00 and the lunch is scheduled to end at 3.00 p.m. So if you judge that it would not appear discourteous to Mr. Trudeau, you could perhaps be absent for about fifteen minutes?

*Yes mb*

*TJ.*

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Note : Spoke to Alison Walters.

*FCO will explain this to the Canadians.*

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8/11*

4 November 1983

Overlate.

MR COLES

Mr 10:11

The message from the Canadian High Commissioner was that Mr Trudeau had to perform a Remembrance ceremony in The Hague on 11 November before coming to London, and would not be able to arrive until between 12.30 and 1.00. He asked whether we would wish to rejig the programme, for example by forgoing the lunch and arranging for Mr Trudeau to come in the afternoon.

I said that the Prime Minister's schedule was very tight that day and I thought that she would want to use the lunch as working time. So I suggested that Mr Trudeau should get her as close to 12.30 as possible and they should have a working lunch. If the Prime Minister and Mr Trudeau wanted to have a tête-a-tête, this could either be done just before lunch or just after. The High Commissioner will arrange for the person who is making the arrangements to ring you to settle the details.

The delay in Mr Trudeau's arrival suits us, as long as it does not cause his visit to be extended to take up more of the afternoon than is absolutely necessary !

AW  
PP F E R B

4 November 1983

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Tom



cc. David Barclay  
Sue Goodchild

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From the Private Secretary

1 November 1983

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POSSIBLE VISIT TO LONDON BY CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER

Thank you for your letter of 28 October.

Of the alternatives suggested by the Canadians, the Prime Minister would find it most convenient to hold talks with Mr. Trudeau at 12 o'clock on Friday, 11 November and to follow this with a small working lunch.

1 br // Would you please let me know as soon as possible whether this is acceptable to Mr. Trudeau.

2 // I should then be grateful to know by whom he will be accompanied on his visit to London. I imagine that the Prime Minister will wish to begin the talks with a tête-à-tête session (accompanied by note takers). We might then envisage participants in the working lunch assembling for drinks at 1245. If conversation is to be effectively continued at lunch, we shall need to restrict the number of participants to a maximum of eight people. I should be grateful for a suggested guest list by the end of this week.

A. J. COLES

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*Prime Minister.*

Agree to see Mr. Trudeau Foreign and Commonwealth Office  
 at 12.00 followed by a small  
 working lunch on Friday, 11  
 November (leaving the afternoon  
 to work on the Lord Rye's  
 banquet speech) ?

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28 October 1983

*for John,**A.F.C. 31/10**A need  
no*Possible Visit to London by Canadian Prime Minister

The Canadian High Commission have been in touch with us following the telephone conversation between Mr Trudeau and the Prime Minister yesterday during which they discussed Mr Trudeau's visit to Europe next month.

The Canadian High Commission have now been instructed to ask whether it would be convenient for Mrs Thatcher to see Mr Trudeau on Friday, 11 November and have suggested the following times, in order of preference: late Friday afternoon, perhaps including a working dinner; late Friday morning, perhaps including a working lunch; early Friday morning; or failing any of these, the morning of Saturday 12 November.

Would you let me know whether any of the above suggestions would be convenient?

We envisage that the discussions would focus primarily on Mr Trudeau's East/West initiative but that the two Prime Ministers will also wish to discuss Grenada and the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting.

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 Private Secretary

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