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THE PRIME MINISTER

28 March 1988

VISIT OF THE CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER

We spoke about dates for Mr Mulroney to see the Prime Minister to discuss the forthcoming Economic Summit in Toronto. The Prime Minister could manage a day in the week beginning 23 March. The options are:

- a talk and working supper on Wednesday 25 May;
- a meeting mid-morning or mid-afternoon on Monday 23 May. But the Prime Minister could not manage any entertainment that day.

BF // I should be grateful if these options could be put to Mr Mulroney. It would be helpful to know the outcome as soon as possible.

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From the Private Secretary

25 March 1988

VISIT BY PRIME MINISTER MULRONEY

You will recall that when the Prime Minister saw Mr. Mulroney in Brussels, in the margins of the NATO Summit, he said that he would like to visit London at some point to discuss the issues which would be on the agenda of the Economic Summit in Toronto in June. The Prime Minister's diary is already alarmingly full and it would be helpful to have some indication from the Canadians as soon as possible when Mr. Mulroney is likely to want to come. I should be grateful if our High Commission could be instructed to ask his office.

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NIGEL WICKS

18 March 1988

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From the Principal Private Secretary

18 March 1988

**POSSIBLE VISIT BY THE
CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER**

My Canadian Sherpa colleague, Dr. Sylvia Ostry, telephoned me yesterday to say that Mr. Mulroney was considering visiting Summit Heads of Governments before the Toronto Summit. He had in mind a visit to the Prime Minister in the week beginning Monday 23 May. I told Dr. Ostry that the Prime Minister's movements in that week were somewhat unclear, but that I would hope to be in touch with her before too long.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Alex Allan (HM Treasury).

(N. L. WICKS)

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CALL ON THE PRIME MINISTER BY THE PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA:
ADVANCE PRESS LINE ON THE RECORD [TO BE CLEARED WITH CANADIANS BEFORE
USE]

Talks reflected the wide range of shared goals and interests. The two Prime Ministers reaffirmed the commitment of their countries to the North Atlantic Alliance, which remains the foundation of their security. They also underlined their commitment to the Commonwealth.

They discussed issues likely to arise at the Bonn Economic Summit, including their approach to a new round of multilateral trade negotiations.

They discussed arms control issues, including a review of positions at the end of the first round of Geneva negotiations. They were in complete agreement on Alliance and arms control objectives, and in supporting US efforts to achieve the agreed aims of the Geneva talks. They agreed that Russians should produce constructive proposals at the negotiating table. Both acknowledged an urgent need for a total chemical weapons ban. [If necessary: There was some discussion of Allied participation in SDI research, which both sides are still considering.]

There was a useful exchange of views on general East/West issues in the light of recent contacts with Soviet Union and East European countries.

Prime Ministers reaffirmed the importance of trade and investment between UK and Canada. They expressed the hope that British and Canadian businessmen would take advantage of the current favourable climate for investment in each other's countries.

They noted with satisfaction the close working contacts between the two Governments and agreed that these should be maintained and strengthened.



Other subjects touched on: Central America and Caribbean and the Ottawa CSCE meeting.

Defensive

SEALS

Ministers are still considering the future of the EC ban on the import of sealskins and products. [If necessary: The Prime Minister noted that the Canadian Royal Commission would be reporting on seals.]

PENSIONS

Prime Minister regretted that funds were not available at present to permit unfreezing of UK pensions payable to residents in Canada.