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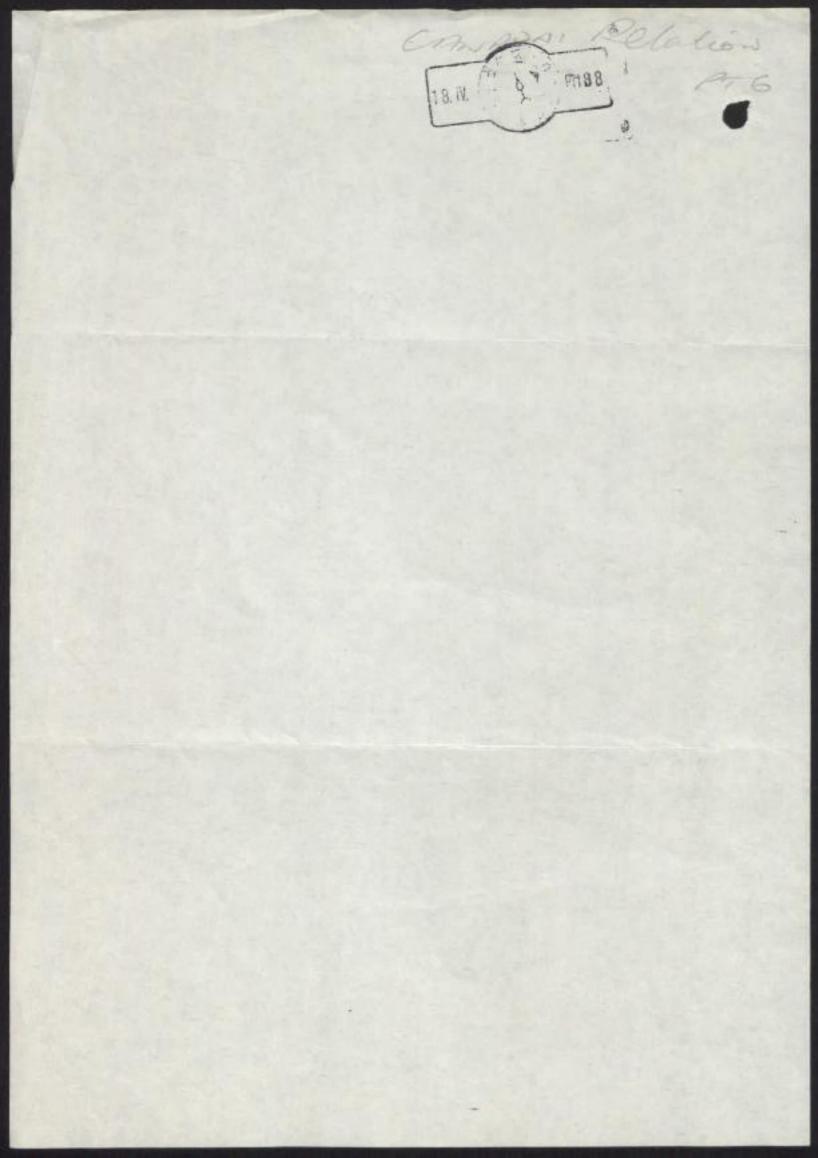
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1a + plap The Foreign Secretary has seen a copy of your letter of 31 March to Charles Powell. He is content that the Defence Secretary should proceed as proposed.

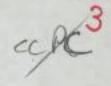
I am copying this letter to the recipients of yours.

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## CANADIAN EUROPEAN THEATRE BASE

The Chief Secretary has seen your letter of 31 March to Charles Powell.

He agrees that we should not offer agreement in principle. It would certainly be premature to do so before conclusion of the NATO consideration of the Canadians' unilateral withdrawal of their CAST brigade.

It will also be essential, prior to any decision in principle, to identify the costs to the Defence Budget of retaining facilities for the Canadians which would otherwise be sold.

I am copying this letter to Charles Powell (No. 10), to the Private Secretaries of members of OD and to Trevor Woolley in the Cabinet Office.

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