

PRIME MINISTER

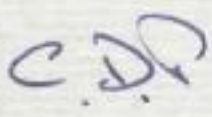
MEETING WITH OUR HIGH COMMISSIONER IN OTTAWA

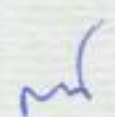
Brian Fall, our High Commissioner in Ottawa, is coming in to see you for just ten minutes tomorrow morning. Although he has actually been in Ottawa for some months, he went there direct from Washington and has only now been back to the UK for formal briefing and so on. He is very keen to be able to say to Brian Mulroney that he had seen you before returning to Ottawa.

There are no great problems between us and the Canadians at the moment. Mulroney is suffering badly in the polls (down to 15 per cent) as a result of introducing a new sales tax.

The Canadians seem quite keen on the idea of a NATO Summit and you might ask Brian to encourage them to support London.

There is most unlikely to be any occasion for you to visit Ottawa in the near future although you will see Mr. Mulroney at the NATO Summit in June (if there is one) and at the Economic Summit in July.

  
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