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PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. T 188B/83

PRIME MINISTER • PREMIER MINISTRE

OTTAWA, K1A 0A2

November 16, 1983

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In Europe last week I had the opportunity to meet directly with six of our NATO colleagues to discuss this subject (including the most fruitful meeting at 10 Downing Street on November 11) and was heartened by the reception I received. I found that a general consensus existed on the urgent need to re-establish a climate of confidence and to build toward a concerted and sustained dialogue between East and West. Beyond its own intrinsic long-term merits, such a climate and web of contacts could act as a 'safety net' which could well be required in the new year.

My visit to Europe also provided me with a valuable opportunity to discuss in detail some of the more specific proposals mentioned in my earlier letter including the need for: a forum in which global limits might be negotiated for all five nuclear weapons states; further efforts to reaffirm the principles of non-proliferation; and a high level political impetus to be given to the MBFR negotiations and to the forthcoming conference in Stockholm on 'Confidence and Security Building Measures and Disarmament in Europe'.

The Rt. Honourable Margaret Thatcher, M.P.
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
London, England

My colleague, Allan MacEachen, intends to raise the latter subject at the NATO Foreign Ministers Meeting in Brussels on December 8 and I would like to seek your personal support so that a decision can be reached in Brussels on the following two proposals:

- (a) that all NATO members will be represented at a high political level at the inaugural meeting of the Stockholm conference on January 17; and
- (b) that NATO will respond to the latest Eastern proposals on MBFR early in the new year and will be prepared to follow-up its response with a meeting in Vienna at the Foreign Minister level.

I am convinced that agreement on these two proposals would go a considerable way to demonstrating to the East and to our own publics our desire at a political level to make meaningful progress in the arms control field aimed at reducing the current level of tension.

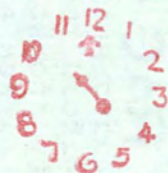
I also wish to inform you that I have written to both the Chinese and Soviet leaderships and shortly will be sending a personal emissary to Peking and Moscow to express my concerns about the current international situation. I will keep you informed of the results of these meetings.

I would welcome any comments you might have and look forward to maintaining close contact on this subject in the months ahead.

Thank you again for finding time in your very busy schedule to receive me last week at short notice and for the superb hospitality you so generously offered.

*- I talked to Owen about the idea of a Summit in Stockholm in January, or very soon thereafter. He undertook to think further about it. Do have a word with him if you can. All the best,
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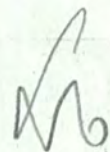
From the Private Secretary

18 November 1983

Thank you for your letter of 18 November containing the text of a message from Prime Minister Trudeau to the Prime Minister. I shall be bringing this to Mrs. Thatcher's attention over the weekend.

A. J. COLES

Mr. John Schram





10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

18 November 1983

Arms Control : Canadian Proposals

I enclose a copy of a further letter which I have received from Mr. Schram of the Canadian High Commission. This contains the text of a message to the Prime Minister from Mr. Trudeau.

Mr. Trudeau seeks the Prime Minister's support for two propositions:

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He also states that he is sending a personal emissary to Peking and Moscow to express his concerns about the current international situation.

I shall be showing this letter to the Prime Minister over the weekend. Clearly, Mr. Trudeau can be expected to refer to it in New Delhi next week. I should therefore be grateful if you could ensure that guidance reaches me, if necessary telegraphically, by the morning of 22 November.

I am copying this letter and enclosure to Richard Mottram (Ministry of Defence) and Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

A. J. COLES

Roger Bone, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Canadian High Commission



Haut Commissariat du Canada

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November 18, 1983

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Mr. John Coles
Private Secretary
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10 Downing Street
London

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Prime Minister.

Another message from Mr. Trudeau.

I have commissioned briefing for
CHOGN and will let you have a
reply. A.J.C. 18/11

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Minister Trudeau which we have been asked to pass to you
for transmission to Prime Minister Thatcher:

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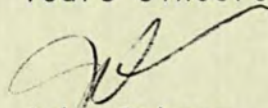
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All the best,

Pierre"

Yours sincerely,


John Schram
Counsellor

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