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NOTE OF MAIN POINTS MADE AT A WORKING LUNCH GIVEN BY THE
PRIME MINISTER FOR THE PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA AT 1300
HOURS ON FRIDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 1983 AT No. 10 DOWNING STREET

PRESENT

Prime Minister	The Rt. Hon. Pierre Trudeau
Sir Antony Acland	The Canadian High Commissioner
Mr. Wright	Mr. Fowler
Mr. Coles	Mr. Smith

Mr. Trudeau said that he believed that NATO Summits should take place more regularly and last longer. Could we not allot at least two days for these meetings when CHOGM took a week and even Cancun lasted for two days? NATO Summits were devised at present in such a way that there were no political exchanges. He believed that Lord Carrington when he became Secretary General would re-vitalise this organisation which was politically moribund. Sir Antony Acland remarked that Mr. Genscher was keen that NATO Foreign Ministers should hold informal weekend meetings. Mr. Trudeau said that such a meeting had been successful at La Sapiniere.

The Prime Minister said that she had found Signor Craxi resolute on defence issues when he visited London. He had made a generally good impression. Mr. Trudeau said that his own meeting with Signor Craxi this week had been less successful. He had seemed distracted. Signor Andreotti had done most of the talking.

In the Netherlands, Mr. Lubbers seemed to be hoping that something would happen so that he did not have to deploy INF weapons. Belgium, which was encumbered with problems, seemed to be hoping that the deployment issue would simply disappear.

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The Prime Minister asked where the next meeting of CHOGM ought to be held. What about Vancouver? Mr. Trudeau said that the issue did not necessarily have to be settled in Delhi. Canada was ready to be drafted if requested. But he first wished to see if any Pacific country wanted to offer facilities.

The Prime Minister of Malaysia would not be going to Delhi. He had written to him to persuade him to change his mind but had not succeeded.

During a discussion of the situation in Grenada, Mr. Trudeau said that Canada was not particularly keen to participate in a Commonwealth force. The suggestion that he had made in this respect when he had telephoned the Prime Minister had been partly based on the Canadian assumption that the fighting would last for a long time. But the intelligence had been erroneous in this respect.

Mr. Fowler said that the OECS States had been particularly concerned about the new transmitter on Grenada which had been beaming propaganda at their peoples.

Mr. Trudeau said that it was possible that Canada could now cut its bilateral aid in the Caribbean. President Reagan had constantly tried to get Canada to participate in his Caribbean aid initiative. But he had failed to take Canada into his confidence about the military operation in Grenada. On the Sunday preceding the invasion Canada had obtained authority from Austin to evacuate its citizens and had planned to do this the following day but Barbados had refused permission for the relevant aircraft to land there. The fact that Austin had given this permission made it clear that the United States' account of the threat to their own citizens was not valid.

Towards the end of the lunch, Mr. Trudeau reverted to his idea of a conference of the five nuclear powers. He wished to make it plain that in his view the Russians had no right to insist on parity with the United States, France and Britain combined.

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He envisaged a meeting of five sovereign and independent nations meeting as such, not in a bloc-to-bloc relationship. The Non-Proliferation Treaty put an obligation on all nuclear powers to reduce their nuclear armaments. But it was up to the British to decide what their irreducible minimum was and to make that plain at the negotiating table.

The Prime Minister said that she did not find this proposal attractive. It needed much more thought. She had made plain the circumstances in which we could look again at the relationship of the British strategic deterrent to arms control.

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From the Private Secretary

11 November, 1983

Dear Peter,

VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA

I enclose a record of the conversation between the Prime Minister and Mr. Trudeau at No. 10 this morning and a note of the main points made at the working lunch which followed.

The Prime Minister would be grateful if Mr. Trudeau's idea that the CDE should convene in Stockholm in January at the level of Heads of Government could be further examined. She would be grateful for any views which the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary and the Secretary of State for Defence may wish to offer.

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

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