

18 October 1982

I heard the other day (from Barbara Hayes) that Lord Moran would like to call on the Prime Minister while he is in the United Kingdom. I understand that both Sir Antony Acland and Sir Robert Armstrong think this would be valuable.

The Prime Minister will see Lord Moran for fifteen minutes at 1030 a.m. on Monday, 1 November. I should be grateful if you could arrange for a short brief to reach me by the previous Friday.

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PRIME MINISTER

Our High Commissioner in Ottawa, Lord Moran, has asked whether he can call on you briefly. I do not think he has any particular business to discuss. I am told that he feels that he will be in a stronger position to deal with the Canadian Government if he says that he has seen you.

Sir Antony Acland and Sir Robert Armstrong think it would be useful if you could give him 15 minutes.

I know that Michael Alexander used to resist this particular applicant. The problem is that if he sees you, there is no reason why quite a wide range of our Ambassadors and High Commissioners should not also take up your time. I think it would be better to stick to the rule that you only see our representatives from our major posts (Washington, New York, Moscow, Paris and Bonn), unless there is a pressing reason for others to see you. I can easily explain to Lord Moran that you are heavily committed between now and 5 November when he returns to Canada.

I know you are always disposed to see people but that results in a very crowded diary. It is easier to draw a firm line.

What would you like me to do?

*As we haven't accepted
the many visit-requests to
Canada - I will
see him for 15 mins
on 13*

A.J.C.

Caroline

*Would you please arrange
with Barbara Hayes in Sir*

*MS
① N. Gates A. Acland's office?*

② CF.

A.J.C. 18/10

15 October 1982

*offered
Monday 17 Nov
at 10.30*

Briefly? C.F.