

PRIME MINISTER

c. Mr. Whitmore
Mr. Walters

Possible Visit to the United States & Canada

Since my earlier minute (attached), Mr. Trudeau has formally invited you (Flag A) to visit Ottawa on 16 and 17 April. You had some discussion of the matter with Clive today and were inclined not to visit Washington in order to discuss US economic policies with President Reagan and therefore not to attend the patriation ceremonies in Canada. You may like to take the opportunity of the Chancellor's call tomorrow to have a word about this. It would be helpful if thereafter you could let us know what your decision is on a possible visit to the United States and Canada next month.

If you decide against this, there remains the question of a visit to the United States in December (see attached minute). Could we indicate to the American Enterprise Institute that in principle you are attracted by the idea of speaking to them on 9 December but will confirm one way or another in July?

A. J. COLES

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