



NOTE FOR THE FILE

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COURTESY CALL BY THE CANADIAN
HIGH COMMISSIONER

Dr Paul Martin, the Canadian High Commissioner called on the Chancellor at 09.45 on 6th July, 1979. Mr. Michell supported the Chancellor. The Chancellor and Dr. Martin had a wide-ranging discussion. Dr. Martin had called on the Chancellor on instructions from the Canadian Prime Minister, to ask him about the British Government's thinking on two problems currently facing the Canadian Government: how to cut public expenditure and public sector manpower; and how to conduct effective dialogue with the two sides of industry. The Chancellor outlined to him what the Government was doing in these areas; as far as contacts with the social partners were concerned, he described in some detail the role of NEDC, but made it clear that the Government had not yet fully thought through its approach. For his part, he was convinced that every opportunity of fruitful contact should be taken.

2. In answer to Dr. Martin's questions, the Chancellor set out on familiar lines his impressions of the Tokyo Summit.

3. In conclusion, Dr. Martin said that the Canadian Prime Minister was anxious to keep in the closest touch with Mrs. Thatcher and with the Chancellor. This was for two reasons; first because the Canadian Government was facing problems very similar to those being tackled by the British Government; and second because he attached great importance

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to traditional ties of history and language, which must not be allowed to weaken.

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