

10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

22 February 1980

Dear Tr. Pearce.

Thank you for your letter of 14 February and for letting me know that Mr. Garvin is paying another visit to this country in September. As you know, I found our previous talks most useful.

However, I am afraid it is not going to be possible for me to see him this time. Although my autumn plans have not yet been finalised, I think it is very likely that I shall not be in London at that time. But I feel, too, that as I do not get as much opportunity as I would like to talk to the leading British oil company chairmen, yourself included, it would not be right to see Mr. Garvin so soon after our last meeting.

With all best wishes and I know that you will be the first to understand.

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