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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MINISTER

Your meeting with Carrington in Rome

Pitfield returned my call and I explained to
him:

1. [REDACTED] Of course,
it would have to be ascertained whether Mrs. Thatcher
herself is keen for such a meeting to take place; and
2. that as a fall-back I was urging you to see Carrington
while in Rome essentially to pursue two objectives:
 - a) that of explaining and describing to Carrington
the current atmosphere in Ottawa and in the country
generally regarding the constitutional file with
particular emphasis on the intentions of the
government; and
 - b) that of making it clear to Carrington that the
Prime Minister was very much committed to a July 1st
date for closing this particular chapter of our
constitutional evolution and that the enlightened
view in Ottawa was that the Supreme Court would make
its judgement known in time for this deadline to be
met. The idea here would be of course to press home
to Carrington that the Prime Minister's resolve
has not dwindled and that he, Carrington, and
Mrs. Thatcher are still under the same, if not greater,
pressures for quick action in Britain.

Pitfield said that he agrees with these two objectives and
with the notion that a meeting with Carrington in Rome
would be an opportune means of furthering them. He urged,
however, that before you leave, you speak to the Prime Minister

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over the telephone so as to "fine tune the message" that
you would leave to Carrington.

Pitfield said that the Prime Minister is returning
Saturday and he said he thought you should phone him then.

Original Signed by
de MONTIGNY MARCHAND

de M.M.

cc. M. Pitfield
~~M. Kirby~~
A.E. Gotlieb
G. Anderson

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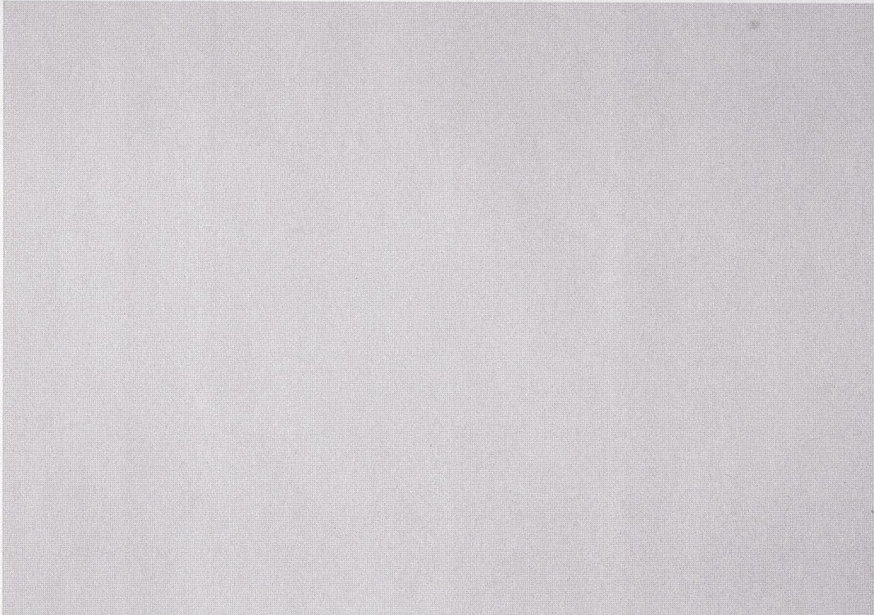
POINTS FOR DISCUSSION WITH MPs AND LORDS
IN LONDON

There are three points which need to be emphasized in discussions with British politicians. They are the following:

1. Legal Legitimacy

Now that the Supreme Court will have ruled on the legality of the action of the Canadian Parliament prior to the completion of that action, the legal legitimacy, that is the appropriateness of a request of the Senate and the House of Commons of Canada, should be beyond question. This point is acknowledged in the Foreign Affairs Committee Report.

2. Political Legitimacy



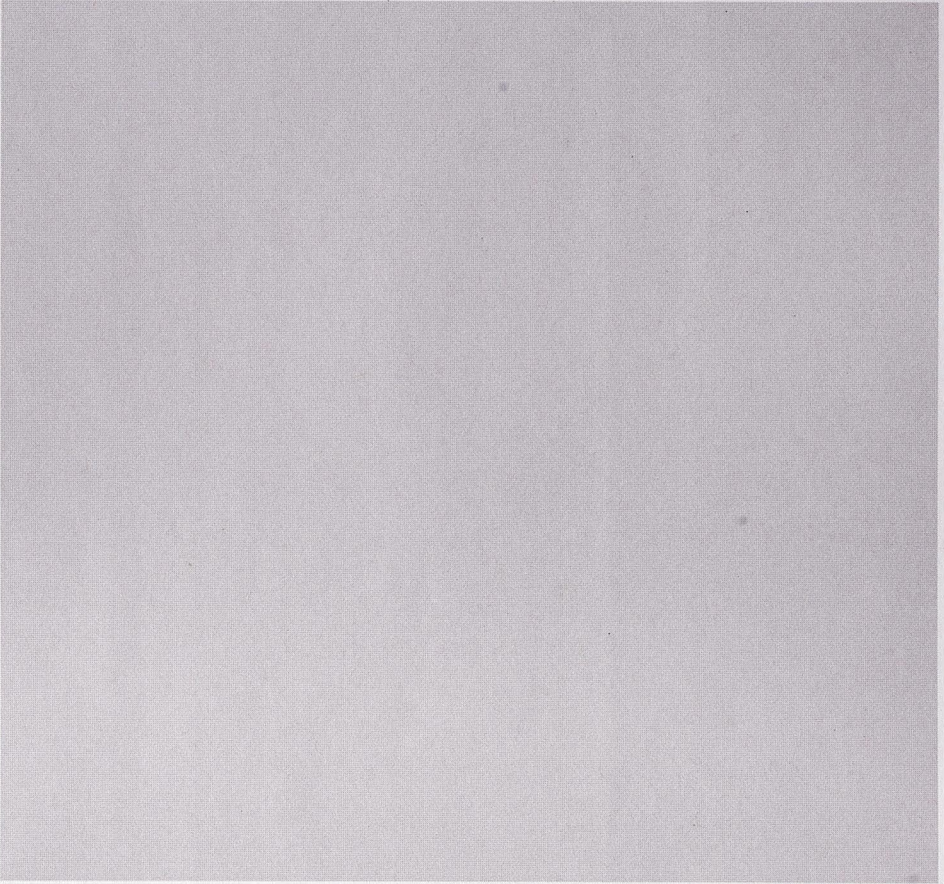
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3. Urgency



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British participants were: Derek Day,
Deputy Under-Secretary

John Freeland,
Second Legal Adviser

Martin Berthoud,
Director, North America Dept.

Vivien Hughes,
Canada Desk Officer

Wilfrid Hyde,
Under-Secretary, Cabinet Office

Leonard Harris,
Cabinet Office

Henry Steele,
Attorney-General's Office.

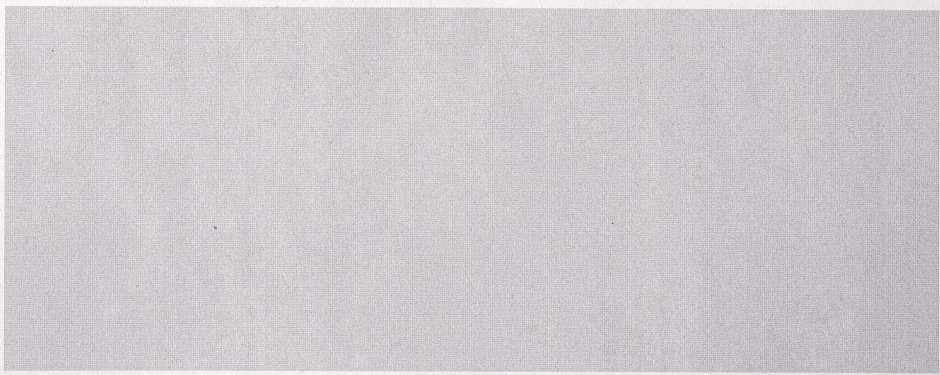
Canadian participants were: Deputy High Commissioner

Michael Kirby

Fred Gibson

Reeves Haggan

Dan Gagnier.



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