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From the Private Secretary

6 June 1982

Dear Brian

CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRIME MINISTER AND MR. TRUDEAU

The Bilateral meeting held with Mr. Trudeau at Versailles on 5 June turned out to be an insubstantial affair, primarily because Mr. Trudeau converted it into a walk in the grounds of Versailles.

At the end of the conversation the Prime Minister told me, in Mr. Trudeau's presence, that he had expressed an interest in participation by Canada in the Air-bus project. Mr. Trudeau said that he wanted more information (a Canadian team had been to Paris recently). He felt that, although Canada could scarcely afford to participate in the project, if it was good for the United Kingdom it must be good for Canada.

I am copying this letter to John Rhodes (Department of Trade), Jonathan Spencer (Department of Industry) and John Kerr (HM Treasury).

Yours ever

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