

PRIME MINISTER · PREMIER MINISTRE

Ottawa, K1A OA2, November 19, 1975.

Dear Mr. President,

I have delayed replying to your very welcome letter of November 10 until the conclusion of the Rambouillet meeting. Now that those talks have concluded, and with some considerable measure of success, I am anxious to express to you my warm appreciation for the generous support you gave to Canada's desire to participate. Your willingness to present our case personally to President Giscard d'Estaing, and to do so with such candour and forcefulness, was deeply welcomed by me and my colleagues. For this, and for your friendly understanding of our position. I thank you most sincerely.

I was encouraged by your statement to me that the usefulness of future meetings of this sort will be impaired should Canada be absent, and by your insistence that we be involved in any follow-up to the Rambouillet session. I dare to believe that those points have now been accepted

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The President of the United States of America, The White House, Washington, D.C., U. S. A. by all the governments involved. I have presented my own argument in this respect to President Giscard, who wrote to me just in advance of the weekend meeting, to Prime Ministers Wilson and Miki and to Chancellor Schmidt.

The preliminary reports of your meeting indicate that there was some measure of agreement reached on a number of issues. It was particularly heartening to me to learn of the consensus which developed over the need for a coordinated response to the major economic problems now facing the industrialized nations. I look forward to receiving more complete assessments of the discussions when once they are prepared and thank you for your assurance that Canada will be kept informed of developments.

Your constant and vigorous support of Canada's point of view is deeply appreciated here. I assure you that I share your desire to cooperate in every way possible in the solution of these key economic issues.

With warmest personal regards.

Yours sincerely,