

PRIME MINISTER

cc. Mr. Gow
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Mr. Edward Du Cann

The above will now not be coming to see you this weekend.

I spoke to him this evening, referred to a conversation he had had with Ian Gow earlier in the day, and said that now that your arrangements were clearer, you would be glad to see him with his Mexican visitor at 9.30 tomorrow morning.

He said that he was grateful for the offer but because there had been difficulty about making the appointment, his Mexican contact had now decided not to come. He also complained that our Embassy in Mexico City had made enquiries in the Foreign Ministry about the visit and therefore revealed what was supposed to have been a secret mission. I said that the Embassy could not be blamed. As we always did in cases where the Prime Minister was receiving a foreign visitor, we has sought a briefing on the person concerned (the Embassy's telegram in reply is attached).

I told Mr. Du Cann that if, at any point, he wished to resurrect the idea of the visit, he could take it that you would be glad to give him an appointment.

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