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Dear Nigel,

THIRD SHERPA MEETING

1. We spoke about your letter of ^{Star} ~~23~~ May. ERD have set in hand briefing for the final Sherpa meeting. We shall prepare, or commission from other Departments, Summit communique language on the six subjects you mention, plus a form of words on the Human Frontier Science Programme. The texts on agriculture, trade, terrorism, debt and drugs will be cleared with Ministers before we send you the full briefing on 1 June.

2. I agree with you that we should not send the Canadians texts before 3 June, but have them ready for circulation at the Sherpa meeting in Toronto or for passing informally to the Canadians. As you suggest, we should hold in reserve our texts on drugs (we have asked Washington for further news of US thinking) and on agriculture. On the latter, we might leave our draft language with Sylvia Ostry after the Toronto Sherpa meeting, depending on how our negotiations in the corridors go. We should probably give Sylvia our text on African debt at an early stage in the proceedings and compare notes carefully with the Canadians before tabling language

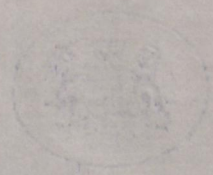
*Yours ever,**Rodric*

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