

President Mitterrand is having with the various participants in the Economic Summit which will take place in Versailles in early June. Since the President had already visited President Reagan and Prime Minister Suzuki and, I think had discussions with his European counterparts, I felt it fortunate that, as a representative of the Canadian government, I was able to benefit from the discussions he had in other capitals, or in other countries.

The agenda of the Summit is pretty well the same from year to year. We will obviously have to spend some time on macroeconomic questions, some time on trade problems, some time on north-south and on east-west problems.

I don't really feel that I can tell you more than that, except that there was an exchange of views and an expression of hope that this Summit would take the industrialized democracies as one step further towards the creating of a consensus, a consensus which will permit all of our countries and populations to tear ourselves free from the stagflation that all of us know, and which is causing not only economic but social problems in all our countries.

President Mitterrand has agreed to say a few words to you, and I now hand the microphone over to him.

Monsieur le Président.

M. FRANÇOIS MITTERRAND: L'une des premières visites que j'ai reçues à Paris après mon élection à la présidence de la République a été celle de monsieur le Premier ministre Pierre Elliott Trudeau. Non seulement nous avons, je l'espère, plaisir à nous revoir, puisque nous nous connaissions déjà, mais