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Dear Charles,

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Mr Clark's Call on the Prime Minister

Thank you for your letter of
5 December. Lady Young will attend.

Yours ever,

Colin Budd

(C R Budd)
Private Secretary

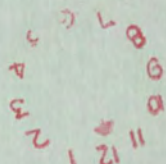
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From the Private Secretary

5 December, 1984

VISIT OF CANADIAN SECRETARY OF STATE FOR
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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Thank you for your letter of 3 December confirming Mr. Clark's call on the Prime Minister on 12 December. I think it would be appropriate for an FCO Minister to be present.

(C.D. Powell)

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4 December, 1984

Dear Charles,

Canadian Prime Minister

In your letter of 3 October you authorised the High Commissioner in Ottawa to inform the Canadian Prime Minister that Mrs Thatcher was looking forward to an early meeting with him and would be happy to welcome him to London.

I attach a copy of Ottawa telno 675, in which Sir D Day reports that he called on Mr Mulroney on 30 November. You will see from paragraph 7 that Mr Mulroney asked that his warmest personal good wishes be conveyed to the Prime Minister. He added that he would welcome the opportunity for an early meeting with the Prime Minister, but felt that for the time being he should remain in Canada to deal with domestic matters. He suggested the possibility of a visit to the UK immediately before the Economic Summit which begins in Bonn on 2 May 1985. I should be grateful if you would let me know whether a visit at that time would in principle be convenient for the Prime Minister.

Prime Minister
Agree in principle
to a visit by Mr.
Mulroney on his way
to the Economic Summit?
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Yes
no

Yours ever,
Colin Budd

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All previous
correspondence
on Mulroney's
visit is attached.
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Amc 020/2)

CALL ON THE PRIME MINISTER

1. I PAID MY FIRST CALL ON THE PRIME MINISTER, MR MULRONEY,
ON 30 NOVEMBER.

2. AFTER AN INITIAL EXCHANGE OF PLEASANTRIES, I REFERRED TO
MRS THATCHER'S MESSAGE TO MR MULRONEY IN WHICH SHE HAD STATED
HMG'S WISH TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO STRENGTHEN AND ENRICH
THE LINKS BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM. I ADDED THAT
SINCE MY ARRIVAL IN CANADA I HAD DETECTED AN ENORMOUS
RESERVOIR OF GOODWILL TOWARDS THE UNITED KINGDOM. I HAD ALSO
BEEN IMPRESSED BY THE EXTENSIVE LINKS THAT ALREADY EXISTED
BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES IN ALMOST EVERY FIELD OF ACTIVITY.
I SAID THAT I WOULD BE DOING EVERYTHING I COULD TO BUILD ON
THESE FOUNDATIONS.

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3. MR MULRONEY SAID THAT HE REGARDED FRIENDSHIP WITH THE
UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED KINGDOM AS THE TWO PILLARS ON
WHICH CANADA'S RELATIONSHIPS MUST BE BUILT. OF COURSE CANADA
HAD MANY OTHER FRIENDS AROUND THE WORLD BUT THE UNITED STATES
AND THE UNITED KINGDOM STOOD APART. HE REFERRED IN THE NEXT
BREATH TO RELATIONS WITH FRANCE. HE SAID THAT HE WAS
TRYING TO IMPROVE THAT RELATIONSHIP WHICH HAD SUFFERED OVER
THE YEARS FROM NEGLECT AND FROM THE COMPLICATING FACTOR OF
QUEBEC. HE HAD NEVERTHELESS MADE IT CLEAR TO THE FRENCH
PRIME MINISTER DURING HIS RECENT VISIT THAT ONLY THE
GOVERNMENT OF CANADA COULD SPEAK FOR CANADA AS A WHOLE.

4. WHILST DENYING ANY WISH TO CRITICISE PREVIOUS
GOVERNMENTS, MR MULRONEY WENT ON TO ARGUE THAT THE TRUDEAU
YEARS HAD BEEN DISASTROUS FOR CANADA'S RELATIONS WITH MANY
OF ITS TRADITIONAL FRIENDS. TRUDEAU HAD ANTAGONISED THE
UNITED STATES AND TO SOME EXTENT THE UNITED KINGDOM AND
OTHERS. THE NEW CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT HOWEVER KNEW
WHO CANADA'S FRIENDS WERE AND INTENDED TO STICK WITH THEM.
HE ADDED THAT CANADA HAD NO DESIRE OR INTENTION OF BEING
OVERWHELMED BY THE UNITED STATES. HE DID NOT FEAR THE
UNITED STATES. CANADA WAS NOW SUFFICIENTLY MATURE TO CONDUCT
ITS RELATIONS WITH HER SOUTHERN NEIGHBOUR IN A WAY WHICH DID
NOT PREJUDICE HER INDEPENDENCE.

5. MR MULRONEY LAID PARTICULAR STRESS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF
THE MONARCHY. HE SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN A SIGNIFICANT POPULAR
RESPONSE TO HIS REMARKS DURING THE QUEEN'S VISIT ABOUT THE
PLACE OF THE MONARCHY IN CANADA. HE SAW A CONNECTION BETWEEN
CANADIAN LOYALTY TO THE CROWN AND CANADA'S RELATIONSHIP

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WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM. HE SAID THAT ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL REASONS WHY HIS PARTY HAD WON THE RECENT ELECTION WAS THAT CANADIANS WERE FED-UP WITH THE CONSTANT BICKERING THAT HAD GONE ON BETWEEN CANADA AND HER FRIENDS AND BY THE AMBIGUITY THAT EXISTED OVER THE MONARCHY. HE SAID THAT IT MIGHT SEEM STRANGE THAT HE, AN IRISH CATHOLIC, SHOULD BE A COMMITTED MONARCHIST, BUT THAT WAS A FACT.

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6. I SPOKE TO MR MULRONEY AS AUTHORIZED IN PARAGRAPH 1 OF YOUR TELNO 251. MR MULRONEY SAID THAT HE WOULD WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY FOR AN EARLY MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER. HE FELT HOWEVER THAT FOR THE TIME BEING HE SHOULD STAY IN CANADA AND MIND THE SHOP. HE WOULD KEEP THE IDEA OF A VISIT TO LONDON VERY MUCH IN MIND. HE THOUGHT THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO FIT THIS IN IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE BONN ECONOMIC SUMMIT ON 2 MAY AND SUGGESTED THAT I SHOULD ENQUIRE WHETHER THAT WOULD BE POSSIBLE. COULD YOU LET ME KNOW WHETHER A VISIT AT THAT TIME WOULD, IN PRINCIPLE, BE CONVENIENT? IF SO, I WOULD LIKE TO INFORM MR MULRONEY'S OFFICE.

7. MR MULRONEY FINALLY ASKED ME TO CONVEY HIS WARMEST PERSONAL GOOD WISHES TO THE PRIME MINISTER AND REPEATED HOW MUCH HE WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO THEIR NEXT MEETING.

8. ALTHOUGH NO MATTERS OF SUBSTANCE AROSE DURING THIS CONVERSATION, MR MULRONEY MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE ATTACHES CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO CANADA'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM AND, CONTRARY TO THE INSTINCTS OF MR TRUDEAU, INTENDS TO ENSURE THAT THE RELATIONSHIP REMAINS CLOSE AND HARMONIOUS. I WAS ALSO LEFT WITH THE IMPRESSION THAT MR MULRONEY'S MAIN AND ALMOST EXCLUSIVE PREOCCUPATION AT PRESENT IS WITH DOMESTIC, AND PARTICULARLY ECONOMIC, ISSUES AND THAT HE HAS NOT YET APPLIED HIS MIND TO THE MAIN INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS.

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