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From the Private Secretary

7 February 1985

CHANGE OF PREMIER IN ONTARIO

Thank you for your letter of 6 February about the retirement of Mr. William Davis as Premier of Ontario.

The Prime Minister agrees to the proposed message (except that "success" in the last line should be changed to "good wish". I should be grateful if it could be despatched.

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Prime Minister
Agree message?
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Dear Charles,

Yes mt

Change of Premier in Ontario

You may have seen press reports of the election of a new leader of the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party on 26 January, to succeed Premier William Davis. Frank Miller is to be sworn in as Premier of Ontario on 8 February.

Mr Davis was Premier of Ontario for 13 years and a member of the provincial legislature for 25 years. His party has been in power in Ontario for 41 years. He has given no indication of what he expects to do next.

The High Commissioner in Ottawa has suggested that the Prime Minister might wish to send a message to Mr Davis to mark his departure from Office, in view of his length of service and the Prime Minister's meetings with him in Toronto in 1983 and London in 1984. The Canadian High Commissioner designate to London, Mr McMurtry, is a senior member of Mr Davis's government. We consider the occasion justifies a message if the Prime Minister wishes to send one. It might be on the following lines:

"As you step down as Premier of Ontario, I would like to send you my personal good wishes. I recall with great pleasure my visit to Ontario in the autumn of 1983 and our subsequent meeting in London. Every ~~success~~ for the future."

good wish

Yours ever,

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