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Canadian High Commission



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Haut Commissariat du Canada

Macdonald House
1 Grosvenor Square
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January 13, 1988

Dear Prime Minister

I have the honour to send to you the attached letter from the Rt Hon Brian Mulroney, Prime Minister of Canada, seeking your comments on preparations for the Toronto Economic Summit in June this year.

Yours very truly

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R Roy McMurtry'.

R Roy McMurtry
High Commissioner

The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher, MP
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
LONDON SW1

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PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. TLA/38

Ottawa K1A 0A2

January 12, 1988

Dear Margaret

As our next Economic Summit meeting approaches, I have been devoting some thought as to how it might be organized to yield the most satisfactory substantive results possible while enhancing the value of discussions to us personally. In particular, I am anxious to foster as much informality in our exchanges as possible and to bring about, where feasible, spontaneous discussion. Our Personal Representatives discussed this issue at their meeting in British Columbia last November.

In considering programming options for the Toronto Summit, I would very much value your advice. It is clear that the dramatic economic developments since we last met would suggest more emphasis on economic discussions at Toronto than has been the case at some of our recent meetings. Accordingly, given the importance, complexity and sensitivity of many of the economic issues facing us, I believe that it would make sense to have plenary meetings where our Finance and Foreign Ministers might join with us in addressing important economic questions.

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I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate to you how very happy I am that the Summit will bring you to Canada this coming June. Meanwhile, Mila and I extend to you and Dennis our very best wishes for the New Year.

Yours sincerely

Original signed by
Brian Mulroney

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Sunday, June 19

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A plenary meeting would be arranged in the morning to discuss economic issues and to approve the draft communique. This session would be followed by a luncheon hosted by the Governor General prior to the reading of the communique that afternoon. Leaders could then depart Toronto by late afternoon if they so wished.

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	Evening	Separate Dinners
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	Lunch	Plenary
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