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From the Private Secretary

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Dear Tony,

ECONOMIC SUMMIT: TORONTO

Thank you for your letter of 14 March about the arrangements for the Prime Minister's visit to Toronto for the Economic Summit and her subsequent visit to Ottawa.

I am content with the proposed outward journey to Toronto. I am less certain about the return from Ottawa. It might be better to make it an hour later and provide a helicopter for the Prime Minister and her immediate party into London. But perhaps we can have a further word about that.

X // As regards the programme in Ottawa I think we need to know rather more about the Canadian Government's intentions. The Prime Minister is making this visit as a favour to Mr. Mulroney and it must be for him to suggest how she could most usefully spend her time. In fact I would be reluctant to see too many engagements since I suspect the Prime Minister will want to do some last minute work on her speech to the Canadian Parliament. (Incidentally it would also be helpful to know whether there is an autocue there.) Announcement of the visit is again something we ought to discuss with the Canadians. We have no particular feelings about the timing but would announce it at whatever time would suit them. I should be grateful if you could ask our High Commissioner to discuss this point with the Canadians.

We shall also need to be giving thought to the content of both the Prime Minister's speeches in Canada. I hope to write to you about this shortly.

Yours sincerely,
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