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From the Private Secretary

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Dear Lyn,

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO OTTAWA: PROGRAMME

Thank you for your letter of 8 June with the revised programme for the Prime Minister's visit to Ottawa on 22 June. I am not happy with the revised order of the programme. I am sure it would be the Prime Minister's preference to deliver her speech to the Canadian Parliament as the first main item on the programme. She will be much preoccupied with that and I do not think it will be helpful to have the session of talks with Mr. Mulroney before the speech. I should be grateful therefore if you could investigate whether the speech could be brought forward to, say 1115 or 1130, and the talks held after that and immediately before the lunch. If there was time, signature of the Agreements could be fitted in sometime in the period between the end of the speech and lunch.

The Prime Minister will certainly need time to change after her meeting with the Opposition leaders and before any evening receptions. We should allow a full half-hour for that. I think the Prime Minister would be prepared to do the "trade promotion" reception and meet members of the High Commission staff very briefly beforehand. But as I have said in earlier letters the departure time in the evening must remain inviolate.

I am writing separately about the invitation to the Prime Minister to be an Honorary Bencher of the Law Society of Upper Canada during her visit to Toronto.

*Yours sincerely
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