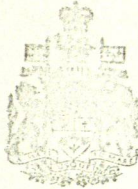


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**PRIME MINISTER'S**

**PERSONAL MESSAGE**

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January 11, 1982

Dear Mr. Coles,

I have the pleasure of forwarding to Prime Minister Thatcher a letter from Prime Minister Trudeau dated December 18, 1981.

You will note that the letter in question reiterates Prime Minister Trudeau's invitation to Mrs. Thatcher to visit Ottawa and Canada at some time in 1982.

I look forward to receipt of the Prime Minister's reply.

Yours sincerely,

Jean Casselman Wadds,  
High Commissioner

Mr. J.A. Coles,  
Private Secretary,  
10 Downing Street,  
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PRIME MINISTER • PREMIER MINISTRE  
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December 18, 1981

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*Dear Margaret,*

During our telephone conversation last Friday, I expressed my deep gratitude for your support over the last year and a half. It has meant a great deal to me during the rather difficult times of the last several months that I have been able to count on your support, friendship and courage. We have shared a common view of what would be the proper course of action to be followed further to a request from the Canadian Parliament. The position taken by you and by your Government, both before and after the Supreme Court decision, was important in maintaining the credibility of my Government's strategy and, eventually, in producing the consensus which emerged on November 5. As I indicated on the telephone, I hope that the whole process can be completed in the near future but I recognize and completely agree that you must take full account of the constraints and requirements of your own Parliamentary process.

The Constitution has tended to overshadow other aspects of Canada/UK relations and I think it would be useful if we had an opportunity to exchange views on other matters of common concern and to further the close relations between our two countries. I would therefore like to reiterate in writing my invitation to you to pay an official visit to Ottawa and other parts of Canada some time in the New Year, if you might find the time. We could then repay a small part of our debt to you.

Yours sincerely, *and in friendship*

*P. Mulroney*

The Right Honourable Margaret Thatcher, M.P.  
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