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cc. Mark

I was delighted to receive your kind letter of 10 November. I am most grateful for the invitation to visit Canada which I accept with the greatest pleasure. I am still working out plans for next year and shall, if I may, come back to you later about dates.

Your breakthrough on the Constitution is, as you say, very good news for us all. Many congratulations. Success is clearly now within your grasp. As I said at the Canada Club here the other day, the spectre of a major bilateral problem seems to have been removed. We praise the statesmanship of those who removed it and hope that we can all now concentrate on developing the host of interests which Britons and Canadians share.

You rightly say that the close ties between our two countries will in no way be lessened by the ending of our constitutional links. I would be inclined to go even further and suggest that these links will be enhanced by the removal of this constitutional anomaly.

With my warm good wishes.

(CARRINGTON)