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From the Private Secretary

10 July 1981

Dear Roderic,

*with PM
for Ottawa*

VANCOUVER TRANSPORTATION EXPOSITION 1986

The Prime Minister has seen your letter of 8 July to Willie Rickett on this subject. She has agreed that we should proceed as you propose.

Yours ever

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[For inclusion
with brief for Summit]

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Mr Alexander
For the weekend box, I think

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Yes not

8 July 1981

Primi Minister

Dear Willie,

Agree to proceed as at A?

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Vancouver Transportation Exposition 1986

The Canadian Government have invited most countries of the world to participate in a major "Special Category" international exposition (the second highest category after the rare universal exhibitions like Montreal's Expo 67) at Vancouver from 2 May to 13 October 1986. Its theme will be transportation in the widest sense of the word and it will be known as 'Transpo 86'. The Canadians have suggested that it would be an excellent gesture if the Prime Minister were to announce HMG's acceptance in principle of this invitation when she is in Ottawa for the Economic Summit. Lord Carrington supports this idea.

Our preliminary analysis of the three Special Category expositions foreshadowed for the mid-eighties suggests that Transpo 86 is the one which we should support the most. We envisage participating prominently, possibly on the scale we are planning for the 1982 Energy Exposition in Knoxville, Tennessee for which COI and FCO funds of some £500,000 have been allocated. Even if, nearer the time, it were thought right to arrange something more modest at Transpo 86, an appropriate UK presence would be easy to mount and would in our view be necessary to ensure that British achievements in this field - and their commercial potential - are properly collected.

A. We therefore think it reasonable to announce our acceptance in principle now. The UK will probably be the first major country to do this, and there are good political grounds for indicating our support of an event which is a good example of Federal/Provincial cooperation.

If the Prime Minister agrees, she could mention this to Mr Trudeau at some stage during her visit (he will be well aware of Transpo 86) and our High Commission could then arrange a suitable means of informing the press.

Yours ever
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