



10 DOWNING STREET

Prime Minister  
seems a bit odd  
to congratulate him  
on election as party  
leader rather than  
waiting until he  
becomes PM.

But succession is  
automatic: and others are  
congratulating now.

Agree message?

Yours

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John Acker,

New Leader of Canadian Liberal Party

I enclose a draft message of greeting which the Prime Minister may wish to send to Mr John Turner, who was elected on 16 June to succeed Mr Trudeau as the new leader of the Canadian Liberal Party.

The two men are meeting this afternoon. In accordance with what Mr Trudeau told the Prime Minister on 8 June, they are expected to agree on a period of about a fortnight before Mr Trudeau stands down and Mr Turner is sworn in as Prime Minister. The handover would then take place about the time Parliament goes into recess on 29 June.

A farewell message to Mr Trudeau will be submitted nearer the time.

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The Hon John Napier Turner PC QC

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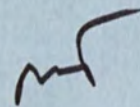
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.....In Confidence

CAVEAT.....

I offer you my warmest congratulations on your election to the leadership of the Liberal Party, and my best wishes as you prepare to take up your duties.



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