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13 September 1984

Dear Charles,

Message to the Outgoing Canadian Prime Minister

In addition to the congratulatory message which the Prime Minister has already sent to Mr Mulroney, she may want to consider sending one to the outgoing Canadian Prime Minister. Mr Turner is due to stand down when Mr Mulroney and his cabinet are sworn in on 17 September.

In the wake of the Progressive Conservative Party's landslide victory, there must be some question about Mr Turner's long term position as leader of the Liberals. Nevertheless he has declared his intention of staying on to rebuild the party. His personal achievement in winning a seat in Vancouver against the overall trend suggests that he will remain as Leader of the Opposition and be an important figure in Canadian politics for some time yet.

However, in view of the relatively short period he has been in office, any message from the Prime Minister could be brief. I attach a possible text which, if approved, we could ask our High Commissioner in Ottawa to deliver.

*Yours ever,
Colin Budd*

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Private Secretary

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Message

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FROM The Prime Minister

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PC QC MP

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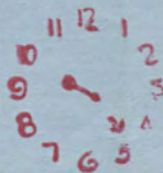
As you stand down from the office of ~~the~~ Prime Minister of Canada, ~~I should like to send you my very best wishes for the future. [I recall with pleasure our meeting at Chequers in July.]~~ *express my thanks to you for the cooperation I should like to thank you for your contribution to the good relations between Britain and Canada. I recall with particular pleasure the visit which you & your wife paid to Chequers in July & send you both my very best wishes for the future.*

*At. Lyne
for PM's
signature
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TO IMMEDIATE OTTAWA
TELEGRAM NUMBER 222 OF 5 SEPTEMBER
MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM MRS THATCHER TO
MR MULRONEY:

BEGINS: I SEND YOU MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR
MAGNIFICENT VICTORY IN YESTERDAY'S GENERAL ELECTION.

I REMEMBER OUR MEETING IN OTTAWA LAST AUTUMN WITH GREAT
PLEASURE AND LOOK FORWARD TO A NEW CHAPTER OF COOPERATION
BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CANADA. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR
BOTH OUR NATIONS THAT WE SHOULD DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO STRENGTHEN
AND ENRICH THE LONGSTANDING LINKS BETWEEN US AND WITH OUR MUTUAL
FRIEND THE UNITED STATES. I HOPE THAT WE SHALL HAVE AN
OPPORTUNITY OF MEETING SOON EITHER IN THE UNITED KINGDOM OR
CANADA. ENDS.

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From the Private Secretary

5 September 1984

Canadian General Election,
4 September

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Thank you for your letter of 5 September about the results of the Canadian General Election. The Prime Minister has approved the text of a message to Mr. Mulroney, which I enclose. I should be grateful if it could be telegraphed to Ottawa for delivery as soon as possible.

(C.D. POWELL)

Colin Budd, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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I send you my warmest congratulations on your magnificent victory in yesterday's General Election.

I remember our meeting in Ottawa last autumn with great pleasure and look forward to a new chapter of co-operation between the United Kingdom and Canada. It is important for both our nations that we should do everything we can to strengthen and enrich the longstanding links between us and with our mutual friend the US. I hope that we shall have an opportunity of meeting soon either in the United Kingdom or Canada.

The Hon. Brian Mulroney, P.C., M.P.