



Prime Minister
 Agree that Derek Day
 can tell Mr. Mulroney that you
 look forward to an
 early meeting (which
 will probably have to
 be here)?

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Dear Charles,

C.D.P. 2/12 Yes not

New Canadian Prime Minister

In her message of congratulation to the new Canadian Prime Minister (your letter of 5 September to me), the Prime Minister said that she hoped that there would be an opportunity of meeting soon, either in the UK or Canada.

The High Commissioner in Ottawa hopes to pay his first call on Mr Mulroney in the next few days, and may well be asked about this. Sir Derek Day would like to be able to make it clear to Mr Mulroney that the Prime Minister is looking forward to an early opportunity of meeting him, and that she would like to welcome him to London at a mutually convenient date in the fairly near future - though precise arrangements would be for discussion in due course. Would you have any objection to his taking this line?

My letter of 5 September set out some of the reasons why we thought it would be desirable to issue an early invitation to Mr Mulroney to visit the UK. The High Commissioner in Ottawa has since reported that Mr Mulroney is visiting Washington this week in response to a personal invitation from President Reagan, and that invitations from other European countries, particularly France, may well be in the pipeline. This makes it all the more desirable that our invitation is registered at an early stage. Equally, if we are to influence Mr Mulroney as he formulates his policies, a fairly early meeting would seem desirable.

So far as the possibility of the Prime Minister visiting Canada is concerned, I assume the High Commissioner would be right to take the line that she has no immediate plans to do so.

Yours ever,

Len Appleyard

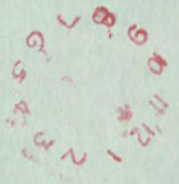
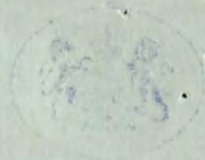
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