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Dear Charles,

Visit of Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs

The new Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr Joe Clark, will be visiting the United Kingdom from 10 to 12 December as the official guest of the Foreign Secretary. Mr Clark is to have talks with Sir Geoffrey on the morning of 11 December, followed by a working lunch at 1 Carlton Gardens. His programme will also include an address to the Canadian Club on the evening of 10 December, and a dinner hosted by the Canadian High Commissioner on the evening of 11 December.

Mr Clark's visit will be the first opportunity we shall have for substantive discussions with a member of the new Canadian Government on the full range of international issues. The Foreign Secretary believes it would be much appreciated if the Prime Minister could receive Mr Clark briefly during this visit. She will recall meeting Mr Clark at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Lusaka in 1979, when he was Prime Minister.

One possibility would be for Mr Clark to attend Prime Minister's Questions in the House of Commons on 11 December, and then have a short meeting with Mrs Thatcher in her room in the House.

Yours ever,

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