



Prime Minister

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

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This seems unexceptionable if it is confirmed that other major western leaders will contribute a message.

But I don't understand the Foreign Office draft & submit an alternative.
Dear Charles,

Agree?
I would think a very strange request what sort of letter?
CDP
2/3/85

The Montreal Branch of the UN Association in Canada plans to commemorate the International Youth Year (1985) by erecting a statue dedicated to the Youth of the World.

The organisers have sought and received the patronage of Mr Joe Clark, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, for the event. M. Crepeau, the President of the Organising Committee, has approached our Mission in Ottawa and asked for a message from the Prime Minister. Messages from other Heads of State, Heads of Government and other political personalities are being sought. I enclose a list obtained by our High Commission. Each message, limited to 25 words, will be engraved at the base of the statue.

The United Nations Association in the UK is aware of and supports the event. We consider this to be a serious project which could receive international publicity. Although the list of those invited to contribute lacks an obvious rationale, it is respectable company. We can therefore see no objection to the Prime Minister accepting the UNA Montreal's proposal if she wished to do so. I enclose a draft of a possible message. If the Prime Minister is content to go ahead, we would arrange to forward her message to M. Crepeau.

There is a risk, which you may wish to consider, that if the Prime Minister agrees to such a message, various other respectable and equally deserving organisations from UK and other countries may seek similar treatment. Although our Mission in Ottawa is unaware of any similar requests from Canada and we have not, to date, received any from other countries, there could well be further such requests as the International Year progresses.

Yours ever,

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RESPONSES TO UNA MONTRAL'S INVITATION
FOR A MESSAGE TO COMMEMORATE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR

Messages already sent by:

Governor-General of Canada
President of Italy

The following are expected to send messages:

The Pope
Secretary-General of the UN
Canadian Minister for Youth
President of the United States
President of France
President of Venezuela
Prime Minister of Egypt
Prime Minister of Spain
Prime Minister of Greece
Prime Minister of Jamaica
Prime Minister of Japan
President of Hydro Quebec

Intentions of the following are unknown:

Prime Minister of Canada
Premier of Quebec
Mayor of Montreal
President of the Federal Republic of Germany
Prime Minister of Australia
President of India
President of the Soviet Union