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From the Private Secretary

13 May 1985

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you most warmly for the invitation conveyed to her in your letter of 10 May to speak to the Fraser Institute in Vancouver.

The Prime Minister does not at present have any plans to visit Vancouver. But should that change, I am sure that the Prime Minister will wish to consider your kind invitation. May we perhaps leave it on the basis that the invitation remains open?

The Prime Minister has asked me to send you her best wishes.

(C.D. Powell)

Mr. Michael A. Walker

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May 10, 1985

Sir Alan Walters  
American Enterprise Institute  
1150 Seventeenth Street N.W.  
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*London*

Dear Alan:

Thank you very much for the outtake from Essays in Contemporary Economic Problems which I have read with interest and respect, particularly in observing the changed performance of the PSBR following 1981 -- now, I wonder what could possibly explain that development!

I want also to thank you for being willing to intercede on our behalf around No. 10 Downing Street about the possibility of having Mrs. Thatcher address a large or a small Fraser Institute gathering during her visit the World's Fair in 1986 should such a visit materialize. Actually, we would be grateful for anything, even a visit to the Institute of a few minutes duration would be of enormous benefit to us in the intellectual battle, as I am sure you are aware.

Let me take this opportunity to again thank you for your various efforts to assist the cause in the frozen north. With recent developments, we need all the help we can get. I am astonished at the extent to which our conservative parties here are awash with 'wets' and the extent to which our Prime Minister is raising ideological infidelity to the stature of a national virtue. Even those who we have been able to get 'inside' seem to be having very little effect. I know, for example, that Bill Mackness (whom you have been so kind and generous in 'coaching' in a number of ways) is quite disillusioned with the extent to which he has been able to inject an amount of sensibility into the activities of our Finance Department. There apparently is virtually no support around the Cabinet table for the kind of actions that are desperately necessary. Even more so than in the United Kingdom, as a matter of fact.

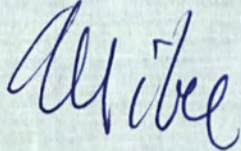
Canada now ranks second only to Italy in terms of having a desperate debt -- interest payment problem. The Prime Minister, meanwhile, is absolutely absorbed in reading public opinion polls and policy shifts with every change in the second decimal place of the party standings in popularity.

Ah well, this will all be familiar stuff to you except, of course, Mrs. Thatcher has had a resolve that we badly need and any exposure that we can give to Mrs. Thatcher's courageous outlook will be of some assistance in Canada. During her last visit to Canada I think she had a profound effect on people's perceptions of our local politicians if only because of the shining standard that she established. But people's memories are short and we need a refresher.

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Again, Alan, thank you very much for your various efforts on our behalf. If there is ever anything I can do to repay you, please don't hesitate to ask.

Kindest regards,



Michael A. Walker,  
Director

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Mr. Robin Butler  
Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister  
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London, SW1, England

Dear Mr. Butler:

I am writing to you at the suggestion of Sir Alan Walters about the possibility of having Prime Minister Thatcher speak to a Fraser Institute gathering on the occasion of her visit to the World's Transportation Fair in Vancouver in 1986 should she decide to make such a trip.

The Fraser Institute is an economic research organization comparable to the Institute of Economic Affairs in the United Kingdom and, in fact, has been patterned independently but quite closely after the IEA model. Our Advisory Board includes Sir Alan Walters and Friedrich von Hayek as well as a large number of other eminent scholars.

We would, of course, be delighted if Mrs. Thatcher would make such an occasion the opportunity to discuss the progress of economic policy in the United Kingdom during the course of her government and can assure a large, distinguished, and raptly attentive audience for such an occasion. If, on the other hand, a public display is not desired or wanted, then we would be more than happy to assemble a smaller audience particularly of individuals with potential or actual investment interest in the United Kingdom. If neither of those possibilities seem attractive, we would, at the very least, like to extend a warm welcome to the Prime Minister to visit, however briefly, with us here at the Fraser Institute.

Alan Walters has indicated a willingness to discuss this matter with you and to share with you more information about the Fraser Institute if you so desire.

In a real sense, Prime Minister Thatcher is a champion in the intellectual battle which the Fraser Institute wages on an ongoing basis. It is my sincere hope that if Prime Minister Thatcher does decide to visit Vancouver during the World's Fair in 1986 that we will be given some opportunity to celebrate our champion. Apart from anything else, our manifold conservative parties in Canada awash with 'wets' need a tonic of the kind that only she can provide.

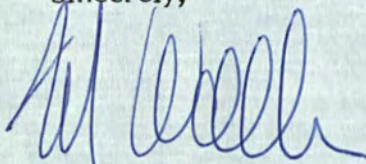
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For your information, I enclose the Institute's most recent annual report.

Thank you very much for considering our request. I look forward to an encouraging reply.

Sincerely,



Michael A. Walker  
Director

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Enclosure