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FOLLOWING FOR MR CHARLES POWELL AT NO. 10 DOWNING STREET
FCO TELNO 278: LAW SOCIETY OF UPPER CANADA

1. I AM FAXING TO YOU SEPARATELY
 - (A) A NOTICE PUT OUT BY THE LAW SOCIETY GIVING DETAILS OF THE PROCEEDINGS (3 SHEETS, PLUS 2 FURTHER SHEETS SHOWING SEATING PLAN) SEMI-COLON
 - (B) TEXT OF TREASURER'S INTRODUCTORY SPEECH AND FORM OF WORDS TO BE USED FOR ELECTION AND ENROLMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND THEN TO INTRODUCE HER TO THE CONVENTION.

2. YOU MAY WISH TO DRAW ON THE FOLLOWING IN PREPARING THE DRAFT OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S BRIEF SPEECH OF THANKS:
 - (A) HM THE QUEEN MOTHER ONE OF ONLY TWO LIVING HONORARY BENCHERS. THE QUEEN OPENED THE NEW LAW COURTS AT OSGOODE HALL IN 1973 SEMI-COLON
 - (B) PRESENCE AT THE CEREMONY OF THE OTHER LIVING HONORARY BENCHER THE RIGHT HONOURABLE ROLAND MICHENER, FORMER RHODES SCHOLAR, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS AND GOVERNOR GENERAL OF CANADA, WHO IS NOW A SPRIGHTLY 88 YEAR OLD AND STILL PLAYS A GOOD GAME OF TENNIS. IN A LIFE BRIMFUL OF ACTIVITY (I AM FAXING SEPARATELY HIS ENTRY IN THE CANADIAN WHO'S WHO), HE IS REMEMBERED IN TORONTO FOR, AMONG OTHER THINGS, HAVING SPIRITED THE SPLENDID STATUE OF KING EDWARD VII FROM INDIA TO QUEEN'S PARK AND FOR THE ANNUAL OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE CRICKET MATCH (DUE TO TAKE PLACE THE DAY AFTER MRS THATCHER'S VISIT TO THE SOCIETY, ON 19 JUNE) AT WHICH THE WINNERS WILL BE AWARDED THE MICHENER CUP. A DISTINGUISHED LAWYER, HE PRACTISED LAW AS A MEMBER OF THE BAR OF ONTARIO FOR MANY YEARS SEMI-COLON
 - (C) MANY LINKS BETWEEN UK AND TORONTO: THE IMPOSING FIGURE OF WINSTON CHURCHILL JUST OUTSIDE THE GROUNDS OF OSGOODE HALL SEMI-COLON THE SUPERB COLLECTION OF HENRY MOORE'S WORKS IN THE ART GALLERY OF ONTARIO SEMI-COLON
 - (D) THE MANY INSTITUTIONAL LINKS BETWEEN UK AND CANADA - A SHARED MONARCHY, THE SAME TRADITIONS OF PARLIAMENTARY

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DEMOCRACY AND OF COURSE THE RULE OF LAW (SEE TREASURER'S
REFERENCE IN HER SPEECH TO SHARED LEGAL HERITAGE).
PARTICULARLY HONOURED THAT THIS FINE BUILDING SHOULD BE
NAMED AFTER WILLIAM OSGOODE, A DISTINGUISHED FORMER MEMBER
LINCOLN'S INN SEMI-COLON
(E) THEREFORE PROUD TO BECOME AN HONORARY BENCHER OF THE SOCIETY
AND THUS HELP TO PERPETUATE THE LONG-STANDING TIES BETWEEN
LINCOLN'S INN AND OSGOODE HALL. THANKS AND APPRECIATION
TO THE TREASURER AND FELLOW BENCHERS FOR THE SINGAL
HONOUR THEY HAVE BESTOWED.

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