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Dear Charles

It is always stimulating to visit with your Leader, indeed our Leader (The Telegraph's). She certainly seemed in excellent form even by her high standards of mental and physical stamina.

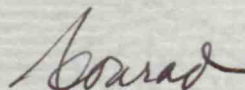
As I mentioned, we would be honoured and delighted if she would be able to address our annual dinner, which could be held to suit her convenience, during her visit to Toronto during the Economic Summit next June. It is attended by approximately 160 important business and political people in Canada with a few prominent Americans and local dignitaries such as the Governor General, The Chief of Justice, Chief of the Defence Staff and the Cardinal in Toronto. I would be happy to send you a list of invitees if you think it would be useful.

As it is the premier event of its kind in Canada, there is some economic justification for her taking the trouble to show the new political and economic personality of this country to such an influential group of present and potential investors in the UK. It would also be a way, if she wished to do so without being controversial, of being somewhat helpful to Brian Mulroney, who has often attended these dinners. We could certainly arrange for her to finish by 9.30 in the evening and, therefore to be in the air at approximately 10.00, if she could fit this in at the end of her visit. In any case we would be honoured to have her on any basis that you indicate.

The other point that I raised was to second the efforts of the Agent General of Ontario to have the Prime Minister meet, if only for 10 minutes, the Premier of Ontario David Paterson, who will be in London, I understand, from February 3 to 5. He is now in the throes of an election campaign from which he is expected to emerge the winner. He is an admirer of Mrs Thatcher's and the province which he heads has 1/3 of the population and 1/4 of the economic life of Canada.

Thank you again for facilitating my meeting with the Prime Minister. I wish you and Carla a very pleasant holiday.

Yours sincerely



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