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You will recall that when Mr. Conrad Black came to see you in July, he invited you to address his company's annual dinner in Toronto during the Economic Summit in June next year. You said that you would be prepared to consider this subject to it fitting in with the programme ~~of~~ the Economic Summit itself.

Our High Commissioner in Ottawa has now confirmed that Mr. Black's annual dinner attracts a very high level of participation and that a short speech there would obtain both an influential audience and very extensive coverage in Canada. He recommends that you accept the invitation. Subject to confirmation of the details for the Economic Summit itself, it seems likely that you would attend the dinner early in the evening, following the conclusion of the Economic Summit, and then fly back to London later that night.

May I tell Mr. Black that, in principle, you hope to be able to accept his invitation; but that formal confirmation must await details of the programme for the Summit itself and a better idea of your other engagements in the UK immediately after it? We would then plan to give him a formal reply early next year.

C.D.R. Yes not  
CHARLES POWELL  
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