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*From the Private Secretary*

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**ECONOMIC SUMMIT, TORONTO**

Thank you for your letter of 24 February about speaking engagements in the margins of the Toronto Economic Summit. I agree that our High Commissioner in Ottawa should decline various invitations mentioned in your letter. I confirm, however, that the Prime Minister will speak at Conrad Black's dinner.

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*Dear Charles*

Economic Summit, Toronto: 19-21 June 1988

The Prime Minister has received more invitations for speaking engagements during the Economic Summit in Toronto. One is to accept an honorary degree from the University of Western Ontario at London, combined with a speech to the local branch of the Canadian Club. Another is to speak to Universal Speakers, a businessmen's club in Toronto on 22 June, after the Summit. A third is on its way.

Your letter of 17 December informed us that the Prime Minister has accepted an invitation to speak at Conrad Black's dinner on 21 June immediately before her return to London. May we now confirm this?

She has already declined an invitation from the influential Canadian Club in Toronto. The Summit timetable is firming up and would not permit another engagement. The Foreign Secretary does not propose to offer himself or the Chancellor in her place. If you agree, we shall ask the High Commissioner in Ottawa to decline these invitations.

*Yours ever*

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