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From the Private Secretary

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Dear War.

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO OTTAWA

The Prime Minister has agreed to visit Ottawa for a day following the Economic Summit in Toronto. As already agreed, our High Commission are talking to the Canadians about the programme for the visit.

Mr. Mulroney was particularly keen for the Prime Minister to give a speech in the Canadian Parliament dealing with fundamentals. He was not more specific than this, and it might be worthwhile sounding out his office on what he had in mind (given that the purpose is to be helpful to him).

Meanwhile the FCO, Treasury and MOD might like to suggest a number of themes for the speech, which we could put to the Prime Minister in April, to leave plenty of time for drafting.

I am copying this letter to Alex Allan (H.M. Treasury) and Brian Hawtin (Ministry of Defence).

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