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From the Private Secretary

Dear Alan,

**TORONTO SUMMIT: CONRAD BLACK'S DINNER IN HONOUR OF THE PRIME MINISTER**

Thank you for your letter of 29 April about Conrad Black's dinner.

I think that the timing proposed is all right since the final obsequies of the Summit should be out of the way by then. I doubt that the Prime Minister herself would want to arrive before 1930 when the other guests would already be assembled. It would be sufficient for Conrad Black himself to meet the Prime Minister on arrival at the hotel.

I note what you say about the US dimension. This is useful for the speech.


There will be no difficulty about restricting numbers from the Prime Minister's party attending the dinner. Bernard Ingham and I ought to be present. If there is space it would be nice to invite Nigel Wicks as well.

Thank you for the advice on the theme for the speech which I expect we shall follow. We shall aim at 15 minutes rather than 20.

I expect that news of the dinner may leak out but I hope that Conrad can avoid confirming it for as long as possible (simply for security reasons).

I agree that security should be discussed with the RCMP nearer the time. We shall not need to seat more than one security officer at most at the dinner.

I am sending a copy of this letter together with a copy of yours to Sheila Waghorn.

Yours sincerely,  
  
(C. D. POWELL)

His Excellency Sir Alan Urwick, K.C.V.O., C.M.G.

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