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Agree?*

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Miss S Lowe
Duty Clerk
10 Downing Street

Your reference

Our reference

Date 3 June 1988

Dear Sarah,

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO OTTAWA: WREATH

1. As you know, the Prime Minister will lay a wreath at the War Memorial during her visit to Ottawa on 22 June.

2. Our post in Ottawa advise that the local custom is to purchase a wreath of fresh flowers either in white or in the colours of the flag (ie, red white and blue). The estimated cost of a wreath measuring up to 3½ feet in diameter is C\$150-200.

3. If you agree we will ask our post to purchase the wreath locally with white flowers.

4. The normal practice in Canada is to have a message printed in both English and French on a riband. In this case the suggested wording, in gold on a red, white and blue riband, is "The Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland" and "Le Premier Ministre du Royaume-Uni de Grande Bretagne et d'Irlande du Nord". The British Legion who normally print the ribands for us are unable to put this inscriptiⁿ in the two languages on one riband - they could print a separate riband for each language. Printing could be arranged in Ottawa, but our Post are unable to find a ribbon wide enough.

5. In these circumstances I suggest that we provide a red, white and blue ribbon about 1½ inches wide and that No 10 arrange for a card for the Prime Minister with the inscription in English and French.

*Your sincerely,
Cecilia*

C S Gibson (Miss)
Protocol Department

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10 DOWNING STREET

6 June 1988

Dear Caroline

Thank you for your letter of 3 June 1988 about the wreath to be laid at the War Memorial in Ottawa on 22 June.

The Prime Minister would prefer to lay a wreath in the colours of the flag. Would you therefore ask our post to arrange a wreath in red, white and blue flowers.

Given the problems in finding ribbon wide enough to take wording in both French and English, a printed card would be the solution. If you could arrange for 1½ inch wide ribbon, I will arrange for a card to be produced here.

Yours ever

Derek Kerr
(Duty Clerk)

Miss C. S. Gibson,
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