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Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's visit to Ottawa, 22 June: Programme

I forewarned you that the Canadians were likely to rejig the Prime Minister's programme and you have confirmed (your letter of 3 June) that this poses no problem.

I attach a full revision of the programme. Essentially, the main elements remain the same (speech to Parliament, meetings with Prime Minister Mulroney and Opposition leaders, wreath laying etc) but follow a different order. We have tightened up the morning programme generally to reduce free time to a minimum. This will permit an even later departure from the Toronto hotel (0840).

I should welcome an early reaction. The High Commission foresee no problem in the 15 minute changes to the arrival time, call on the Prime Minister etc inherent in the attached draft, but we need to check formally that the Canadians are content with this minor adjustment.

"Trade Promotion" Reception

I should also welcome a steer on how the Prime Minister might spend the last hour of the programme. The High Commissioner had recommended that she visit the new National Art Gallery. However, your letter of 3 June makes it clear that this would not appeal to the Prime Minister on this occasion. Instead, we would strongly recommend that she be guest of honour at a reception hosted by the High Commissioner, with the broad (but unspecified) aim of promoting British trade by getting alongside important Canadian Ministers and others. The guest list might be 100-strong and include, in addition to influential Canadian Ministers and others whom the Prime Minister had not already met, some key figures involved in the submarine contract and some carefully selected representatives of the media. It would not be an occasion for a hard sell for British nuclear submarines but it would be a good opportunity for the Prime Minister to speak to a range of Canadian politicians and some of the submarine decision-makers.

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The High Commissioner has also asked whether, if the Prime Minister agrees to the reception, she would be willing to spare a few minutes beforehand to meet High Commission staff. Sir Alan adds that the Prime Minister's willingness to do this on a similar occasion (in Cairo) gave an enormous boost to staff morale.

In your letter of 3 June you mentioned that the 1820 departure time should remain unchanged. We have worked to this deadline. However, it gives the Prime Minister very little time during the day to handle papers/freshen up. You will see that we have allowed only 20 minutes from 1620-1640. We can presumably adjust departure time if she requires longer.

Signature of Bilateral Agreements

In my letter of 19 May, I mentioned that negotiations on agreements on Drug Cooperation and Civil Aviation were close to finalisation. The programme provides 15 minutes (1145-1200) for this, if negotiations are completed and the Prime Minister wants to do it. Otherwise she may wish to use the time for last-minute speech preparation.

Yours ever,

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PRIME MINISTER'S PROGRAMME IN OTTAWA, 22 JUNE 1988

0840 Depart hotel in Toronto
0910 ETD Toronto Airport
1015 ETA Uplands Airport, Ottawa. Arrival ceremony to include review of Guard of Honour; 19 gun salute; 2 minute speech of welcome by Prime Minister Mulroney; 1 minute reply by Prime Minister
1035 Leave Airport (with Prime Minister Mulroney)
1055 Arrive Parliament. Welcome. Sign Visitors Book
1100-1145 Tête a tête in Prime Minister's Office
1145 Preparation for speech/signature of two Bilateral Agreements
1200 Address to joint session of Parliament
1315-1445 Working lunch at Prime Minister Mulroney's residence, 24 Sussex Drive
1445 Depart lunch
1447 Arrive at Rideau Gate
Free
1455 Depart Rideau Gate
1500 Wreath laying ceremony at War Memorial
1510 Depart for Rideau Gate
1515 Arrive Rideau Gate.
1520 Meeting with Mr Turner (Liberal Party) at Rideau Gate
1550 Meeting with Mr Broadbent (New Democratic Party) at Rideau Gate
1620-40 Free to prepare for evening/deal with telegrams
1640 Depart Rideau Gate
1645-1700 Meeting with High Commission staff, High Commissioner's Residence
1700-1800 Guest of Honour at reception at High Commissioner's Residence
1800 Leave for Airport
1820 Depart Uplands
(0600 23 June, arrive Heathrow)

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