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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO OTTAWA, 22 JUNE

I have seen Ottawa telegram number 443 which draws attention to some necessary changes in the Prime Minister's programme in Ottawa. The Prime Minister will of course understand the inability of Mr. Turner and Mr. Broadbent to make courtesy calls. I think she might like to use the time to work on her statement to the House of Commons the following day on the outcome of the Economic Summit and I should be grateful if it could be left free for that purpose.

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OUR TELNOS 431 AND 432: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO OTTAWA 22 JUNE:
PROGRAMME

SUMMARY

1. FURTHER CHANGES IN AFTERNOON PROGRAMME. OPPOSITION LEADERS WILL NOW BE UNABLE TO MAKE COURTESY CALLS. POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES.

DETAIL

2. THE CANADIANS HAVE JUST TOLD US THAT THE CRUCIAL HOUSE OF COMMONS VOTE ON THE MEECH LAKE ACCORD WILL NOW BE TAKEN AT 1500 HOURS ON WEDNESDAY 22 JUNE (THE DEBATE ON THE ACCORD WAS CONCLUDED ON 14 JUNE). BOTH MR TURNER AND MR BROADBENT HAVE RAISED AMENDMENTS WHICH WILL PROBABLY BE PUT TO THE VOTE AND THERE ARE AN ADDITIONAL THREE AMENDMENTS WHICH MAY ALSO BE VOTED ON. THE VOTING TIME IS LIKELY TO TAKE, IN ALL, APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR, FROM 1500-1600 HOURS.

3. AS A RESULT OF THIS DEVELOPMENT, MR TURNER AND MR BROADBENT'S OFFICES HAVE CONFIRMED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (DEA) THAT THE TWO LEADERS WILL NOW UNFORTUNATELY NOT BE ABLE TO AMAKE THE COURTESY CALLS ON THE PRIME MINISTER WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN ARRANGED. THE PROGRAMME DOES NOT HAVE ENOUGH FLEXIBILITY TO ALLOW THE MEETINGS TO BE RE-ARRANGED FOR A DIFFERENT TIME.

4. I WOULD THEREFORE PROPOSE INVITING BOTH MR TURNER AND MR BROADBENT TO THE RECEPTION TO BE HELD AT EARNSCLIFFE FROM 1700-1800 HOURS, WHICH WOULD AT LEAST PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM TO MEET THE PRIME MINISTER. THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE HAVE ALREADY CONFIRMED THAT MR MULRONEY WILL ATTEND THE RECEPTION, ALTHOUGH HE IS LIKELY TO ARRIVE A LITTLE LATE: FOLLOWING THE RECEPTION, HE WILL ACCOMPANY THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE AIRPORT TO SEE HER OFF.

5. THE CANCELLING OF THE TWO MEETINGS HAS LEFT US WITH A GAP IN THE PROGRAMME FROM 1515 TO 1610 HOURS, WHILE STILL ALLOWING A FREE HALF HOUR BEFORE THE PRIME MINISTER DEPARTS FOR THE ENGAGEMENTS AT EARNSCLIFFE. THE DEA HAVE SUGGESTED TO US THAT WE MIGHT LIKE TO RE-INSTATE THE VISIT TO THE NEW NATIONAL ART GALLERY (DEGAS EXHIBITION), ABOUT WHICH WE ARE NOW ASSURED THAT THERE ARE NO SECURITY

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WORRIES. ALTERNATIVELY, WE COULD LEAVE THE PERIOD FREE AND ALLOW
SLIGHTLY MORE TIME FOR THE PRIME MINISTER TO LOOK AT PAPERS.
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