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From the Private Secretary

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Prime Minister's meeting with the Prime Minister of
Canada

Thank you for your letter of 3 August about points raised by the Prime Minister following Mr Turner's recent visit to Chequers.

The Prime Minister finds the suggestion of simply inviting Mr Turner to the United Kingdom again as a means of improving Anglo-Canadian relations rather unimaginative. She points out that, assuming Mr Turner wins the elections, he will have a great deal to do. She would not therefore wish to invite him to visit the United Kingdom again until the Summer or Autumn of next year. She would, however, like thought to be given to practical steps which could be taken to improve Anglo-Canadian relations. Perhaps our new High Commissioner in Ottawa will have some ideas on this once he is settled in.

The Prime Minister notes that there appears to be no scope for a significant gesture on Canadian students, and agrees that the background should be explained to Mr Turner's staff.

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