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Dear Charles,

Relations with Canada

Thank you for your letter of 6 August about the points raised by the Prime Minister following Mr Turner's visit to Chequers.

We shall, of course, be giving thought to ways in which Anglo/Canadian relations could be developed further, a process in which our new High Commissioner will be fully involved. Meanwhile, I should like to record, to make the point that we have already devoted a lot of thought to this subject, that in the interests of brevity I omitted from my letter of 3 August an account of the activity which has been going on since patriation of the Canadian Constitution in 1982 to strengthen the cooperation between the two countries. You may find it useful to have the following summary of that activity, of which, incidentally, Mr Turner may not have been aware at the time of his meeting with the Prime Minister at Chequers.

Since 1982 there has been a considerable two-way traffic in Ministerial visits, and regular governmental meetings with varying degrees of formality are now held on trade, cultural affairs, science and technology and of course foreign affairs. Parliamentarians have recently extended their programme of joint meetings. And a highly successful seminar sponsored by the two governments on "Canada, Britain and the Atlantic Communities" was held in May this year at Dalhousie University in Nova Scotia, attended by the Canadian Minister for External Affairs and by Lady Young. We are now exploring the possibility of further meetings on similar lines.

Yours ever,
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