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PRIME MINISTER

VISIT TO VANCOUVER FOR EXPO '86

You agreed in principle to this visit on 12/13 July.

The one outstanding point is how you travel.

You earlier agreed to go by Concorde. Lord King is enthusiastic, as it will be an excellent promotion for Concorde and for British Airways. He will let us have half the seats; and sell the other half to top businessmen attending EXPO.

At Brize Norton, you lapsed into loyalty to your VC10. This is understandable. But it would lengthen the journey (by 2/3 hours each way) and reduce the promotional impact. The RAF don't really mind, just this once.

Agree to go by Concorde?

Yes

Agree that we can now discuss the visit with the Canadian Government?

Yes
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C.D. POWELL
17 January 1986

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