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Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Visit to Vancouver

Thank you for your letter of 5 July asking for further briefing for the Prime Minister's visit to Vancouver.

I attach:

- a) Ottawa telno 429 with details of the Opening Ceremony of British Day;
- b) Ottawa telno 430 with notes on the Canadian businessmen whom the Prime Minister will be meeting on the morning of 12 July;
- c) notes for the Prime Minister's introductory remarks opening the discussion with the businessmen. The High Commission advise that these should be kept short as the businessmen are likely to wish to question the Prime Minister closely on eg the UK economy and her views and experience on such issues as privatisation and market liberalisation;
- d) Ottawa telno 431 with notes on the British businessmen whom the Prime Minister is likely to meet at the British Pavilion at Expo, and during her visit to the store promotion. I also enclose cards on which the information for each of these businessmen/stores is listed separately.

The Prime Minister already knows that one of the passengers travelling with her on Concorde will be Mr G Dawson, Director of Belmarine (Colin Budd's letter of 4 July).

Our High Commission have been told by the Canadians of two changes they propose for the arrangements on 13 July at Montreal:

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- a) they now feel that the Concorde room of the airport hotel would not be adequate in security terms and propose to move the venue of the meeting with Mr Mulroney to a room in the airport terminal. We understand that this would have the disadvantage that there would be no other room convenient for the Prime Minister's Private Office within the terminal. The Private Office would therefore, under this new arrangement, remain in the airport hotel, ie 5 minutes walk away. The High Commission plan to visit Montreal tomorrow to inspect the new venue and will report;
- b) the programme provided for 7 minutes from 1510 hours in which the Prime Minister and Mr Mulroney would address the media in the hotel after their meeting. No questions would be allowed. The Canadian press have expressed great interest in the meeting and want a full press conference. The Canadian proposal is that the whole of the 7 minutes should be left for Mrs Thatcher to speak. Mr Mulroney would be present but would save his own remarks for a press conference to be held after Mrs Thatcher's departure.

A copy of this letter and enclosure is being sent to Michael Gilbertson.

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