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From the Private Secretary

bc PC
12 January 1987

PREMIER OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Thank you for your letter of 12 January telling me about the request from the Premier of British Columbia to call on the Prime Minister when he is in London. I am afraid that the Prime Minister's diary is such that we cannot contemplate her seeing Mr. Vander Zalm.

(Charles Powell)

Lyn Parker, Esq.,
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12 January 1987

Dear Charles,

Premier of British Columbia

The Canadian High Commission have asked on behalf of the Premier of British Columbia whether he could pay a courtesy call on the Prime Minister when he is in London during the week of 5 February.

Your letter of 2 January makes clear that the Prime Minister wishes to cut down on courtesy calls of this type, and we have no specific reason for recommending this call; however, you may wish to be aware that the request was made. Given that we have so recently turned down a request from the Premier of Quebec, the Foreign Secretary hopes the Prime Minister will not see Mr Vander Zalm even if she is unexpectedly free; if she did so, so soon after turning down M. Bourassa, the latter might see it as a snub.

Premier Vander Zalm became leader of the Social Credit Party and Premier of British Columbia in July 1986 shortly after the Prime Minister's visit to Vancouver for Expo '86. She did not meet him during that visit.

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From the Private Secretary

2 January 1987

PREMIER OF QUEBEC

Thank you for your letter of 29 December asking whether the Prime Minister would receive the Premier of Quebec when he visits London later this month. As I have commented in another context, we are trying to reduce the number of foreign visitors whom the Prime Minister receives, and the grounds for her to receive Monsieur Bourassa do not seem very strong. I should be grateful if you could convey the Prime Minister's regrets.

(C. D. POWELL)

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CSP. or,

I'm deliberately not putting a date
in - since if I do the PM will
almost certainly say yes & I'm
not sure that you would approve!

The dates are not impossible -
we could find half-a-dozen.

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cc RY



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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29 December 1986

Dear Charles,

Premier of Quebec

Premier Bourassa of Quebec will visit London from the afternoon of 26 to 28 January and has asked through the Canadian High Commission if he might call on the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister has kindly agreed in the past to a call by Canadian Provincial Premiers, eg Mr Lougheed of Alberta and Mr Davis of Ontario in 1984. There are good grounds for considering one by M. Bourassa and the Foreign Secretary endorses this request. M. Bourassa became leader of the Quebec Liberal Party in June 1985 and Premier of Quebec in the election in December the same year. He is an able and serious-minded economic pragmatist with a practical interest in current British policy. Before his election he brought his economic team to London to study various aspects of UK economic policy, including privatisation.

Quebec is the second most import Canadian Province for UK trade and investment. Our trade with Quebec exceeds its trade with France and we are currently running a special campaign in Quebec to promote investment to the UK. Quebec's economy is in rapid expansion and has seen the emergence in recent years of a new class of young francophone entrepreneurs.

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Quebec separatism is in eclipse. Mr Mulroney and M. Bourassa are trying to find a formula acceptable to the other provinces which would allow Quebec to sign the federal constitution. Britain's relations with Quebec suffered from the growth of separatism in the Seventies and the row over patriation of the Canadian Constitution in the early Eighties. All that is now over, and our efforts to get things back on a normal, friendly footing have met with a generous response.

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