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1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER
 TO MR. MULRONEY.
 BEGINS
 WE WERE ALL HORRIFIED TO SEE PICTURES OF THE DESTRUCTION
 CAUSED BY THE TORNADO WHICH STRUCK EDMONTON AND TO LEARN
 OF THE TRAGIC LOSS OF LIFE AND INJURY. I SEND YOU MY
 DEEPEST SYMPATHY.
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From the Private Secretary

5 August 1987

TORNADO AT EDMONTON

Thank you for your letter of 5 August enclosing draft messages from the Prime Minister to Mr. Mulroney and to the Premier of Alberta about the recent Tornado.

I enclose revised texts which should be despatched as soon as possible. I am bound to say that the machine seems to have moved exceedingly slowly on this one. The messages were hardly masterpieces of originality, so it seems hard to explain the lapse of time.

(Charles Powell)

Lyn Parker, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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10	1. Please pass the following message from the Prime Minister
11	to the Premier of Alberta, the Hon Helen Hunley.
12	BEGINS
13	I was very sorry to hear of the tragic loss of life and
14	the extensive damage caused by Friday's ^{the} tornado in Edmonton
15	which was brought home to us by some chilling television
16	coverage. I send you my deepest sympathy, and would ask you
17	to convey my condolences to the injured and to the families
18	of those who lost their lives.
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5 August 1987

Dear Charles,

Tornado at Edmonton

// You will be aware of the tornado which struck Edmonton on 31 July. Our Consul-General has recommended that the Prime Minister consider sending messages of sympathy to Mr Mulroney and to the Premier of Alberta, the Hon Helen Hunley. We support this recommendation. I enclose draft telegrams.

The tornado was Canada's worst natural disaster for 34 years, leaving some 30 dead and 270 injured, and causing extensive damage. The Queen normally sends messages of sympathy to Commonwealth countries on such occasions, and did so on 1 August. The Canadians would certainly appreciate a message from the Prime Minister and, given the seriousness of the casualties, might take it amiss if one were not sent.

We have considered whether a single message to Mulroney would suffice. As there are great sensitivities in the relations between the Canadian Federation and the Provinces we think it preferable to send separate messages.

Yours ever,
L Parker

(L Parker)
Private Secretary

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TORNADO AT EDMONTON: MESSAGES OF SYMPATHY

1. Please pass the following message from the Prime Minister to the Premier of Alberta, the Hon Helen Hunley

BEGINS *I had my son to lose in tragic great sorrow*

I heard with deep regret of the loss of life and the extensive damage caused by Friday's tornado in Edmonton. *I send you my deepest sympathy for this appalling disaster*

Please accept my deepest sympathy, and convey my condolences *to the families of those who have lost their lives.*

to the bereaved and injured. *for their*

ENDS *Would ask you to*

When was brought home to us by some chilling storm

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TORNADO AT EDMONTON: MESSAGES OF SYMPATHY

1. Please pass the following message from the Prime Minister to Mr Mulroney.

BEGINS

I heard with deep regret of the serious loss of life and the extensive damage caused by Friday's ^{the} tornado in Edmonton. Please accept my deepest sympathy.

ENDS

We were all horrified to see pictures of the ~~tornado~~ destruction caused by the tornado which struck Edmonton and to learn of the tragic loss of life & injuries. I send you my deepest sympathy.

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From the Private Secretary

31 July 1987

PRIME MINISTER OF ONTARIO

Mr. Conrad Black told the Prime Minister this morning that the Prime Minister of Ontario hoped to visit London later this year or early next and would very much appreciate ten minutes with her. The Prime Minister gave a half promise on this. I should be grateful if you would let me know when arrangements are being discussed for such a visit.

(Charles Powell)

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