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From the Principal Private Secretary

24 December, 1987.

As I think your office knows, Mr. David Poole of the office of the Premier of British Columbia wrote to me some time ago about the possibility of Premier Vander Zalm of the Province of British Columbia meeting the Prime Minister when the Premier visits London in February.

I understand from Charles Powell here that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office has already sent a telegram saying that the Prime Minister sadly cannot manage this, but that the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary is willing to see Premier Vander Zalm. I have accordingly written to Mr. Poole. Copies of correspondence are attached.

N.L. Wicks

A.C. Galsworthy, Esq., CMG,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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From the Principal Private Secretary

24 December, 1987.

I am sorry that I have not been able to reply before now to your letter of 8 December in which you enquired whether it might be possible for the Premier of the Province of British Columbia, Mr. Vander Zalm, to meet the Prime Minister when he is in London in February.

As I believe you may have heard from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, sadly the Prime Minister is unable to see Premier Vander Zalm on this occasion. But I do know that the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe, would be very pleased to have an opportunity for a discussion during Premier Vander Zalm's visit to London. Could I suggest therefore that you should be in touch with the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary's Office about this.

With best wishes,

N.L. Wicks

Mr. David Poole



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From the Private Secretary

SIR ROBERT ARMSTRONG

Your minute of 11 December asked whether the Prime Minister would be able to see the Secretary to the Canadian Cabinet, Mr. Paul Tellier, on 17 or 18 December.

The Prime Minister's diary for both days is already very full. I think, therefore, that it would genuinely be difficult for her to see Mr. Tellier. Your minute suggests that this would not be taken amiss.

C. D. POWELL

11 December 1987

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MR POWELL

My Canadian counterpart, Mr Paul Tellier, the Secretary to the Cabinet and Clerk to the Privy Council in Ottawa, is visiting London on Thursday 17 and Friday 18 December. This visit is in pursuance of a long series of contacts between the holder of my post and the holder of his post, going back over many years, and the main purpose of his visit is to meet my successor. Mr Nigel Wenban-Smith, who is acting High Commissioner in Ottawa, has suggested that, in view of the way things are moving on the possible Canadian purchase of nuclear powered submarines, it could be useful to arrange for Mr Tellier to see the Prime Minister while he is in London.

2. I should of course be very happy to bring Mr Tellier through to meet the Prime Minister if she would like to receive him. But I cannot say that I think that it is strictly necessary, either in terms of substance or in terms of courtesy. He will be meeting Sir Clive Whitmore and Sir Patrick Wright, who will be able to reinforce what I was myself able to say to Mr Tellier in Ottawa in November on the subject of the Canadian purchase of SSNs; and there was no question of my seeing Mr Mulroney or Mr Clark when I was in Ottawa, so that there are no reciprocal obligations to be discharged.

3. I should be grateful if you could let me know whether the Prime Minister would wish to see Mr Tellier.

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ROBERT ARMSTRONG

11 December 1987

M. Wicks

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Province of British Columbia
OFFICE OF THE PREMIER

C.P.

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December 8, 1987

My news is
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Sir Nigel Wicks
Office of the Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
London, SW1A 2AA
England

Dear Sir Nigel:

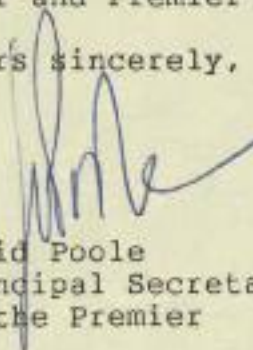
It was indeed a pleasure to meet with you while I was in London recently to discuss matters of mutual interest.

Further to our discussion, I would like to advise you that Premier Vander Zalm will be in London as early as February 18 to 25, 1988, and would be absolutely delighted to arrange his travel plans to accommodate the Prime Minister's extremely busy schedule.

Premier Vander Zalm would be most interested in discussing such issues as policy development and political strategy and organization since clearly, the Prime Minister has consistently proven to be a master tactician in these two areas.

Thank you again, Sir Nigel, for your hospitality and a most enjoyable meeting. I look forward to hearing from you if a convenient date can be established for a meeting between the Prime Minister and Premier Vander Zalm.

Yours sincerely,


David Poole
Principal Secretary
to the Premier



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From the Private Secretary

23 November 1987

Dear Bob,

We have heard that the Premier of British Columbia is to visit the UK in February next year and wishes to call on the Prime Minister. As you know, I am very reluctant to get into a position where Canadian provincial Premiers believe that they can automatically come to see the Prime Minister. The only exception which we have contemplated has been the Premier of Ontario in whose province the Economic Summit will be held next year. Equally, it is a little difficult to deny the Premier of British Columbia given that the Prime Minister was in the province for CHOGM. I would prefer to avoid the Prime Minister seeing him if at all possible; is there any chance that the Foreign Secretary or a FCO Minister could do so on her behalf?

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Yours sincerely,

(C.D. POWELL)

R.N. Culshaw, Esq., M.V.O.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.



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From the Private Secretary

9 November 1987

Thank you for your letter of 6 November about the visit next year of the Premier of Ontario. It is useful to have a note of the dates. I cannot at this stage commit the Prime Minister in February next year: but I hope to be in touch with you again early in the new year about the possibility of a meeting.

(Charles Powell)

Thomas L. Wells, Esq.

File Note - FCO rang 19/11. They hadn't had a reply to their letter of 30 Oct to CSP but were content with my reading the above to them.

JK

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Tom
Oh, we do this
OK
Yes - 3rd would be better - 3.30?
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Mr. Charles Powell,
Private Secretary to the Prime Minister,
10 Downing Street,
LONDON SW1

6th November, 1987

Dear Mr. Powell,

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I am taking the liberty of writing to you because I believe Conrad Black sent you a letter in early September indicating that I would let you know the dates when the Premier of Ontario, the Hon. David Peterson, will be visiting London next year.

Premier Peterson will be in London on Tuesday, February 3rd, and the morning of February 4th. The only engagement so far confirmed is an address to the Canada-United Kingdom Chamber of Commerce between 12 noon and 3 p.m. on February 3rd.

The Premier would be very grateful if the Prime Minister could spend a few minutes with him. He would particularly like to discuss her visit to Toronto for the Economic Summit next June, and the possibility of any special arrangements the Province of Ontario might make for her during her stay.

I look forward to hearing from you, and thank you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Wells

Thomas L. Wells
Agent General for Ontario



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cc PC

Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

30 October 1987

Dear Charles,

at last
Premier of Ontario

No action for now.
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Your letter of 31 July (attached) reported Mr Conrad Black's suggestion to the Prime Minister that Mr David Peterson, the Premier of Ontario, should call on her when he visited London. The Prime Minister gave him a half promise. The Canadian High Commission have also approached us. The visit is now planned for 1-5 February. The Canadians have suggested a call at No 10 on 3 February but we assume that this is not the only possible day during the visit.

We delayed a reply until after the Ontario Provincial elections in September. These proved a sweeping victory for the Liberals and Mr Peterson was duly returned as Premier for a second term.

As you are aware, there are ten Provincial Premiers and inter-provincial rivalries need to be kept in mind. Our general principle has been to examine each request on its merits. In recent years, the Prime Minister has agreed to see Premiers whom she had already met in Canada. Earlier this year the Prime Minister turned down a call by M. Jean Bourasse, the Premier of Quebec. We subsequently recommended against a call by the new Premier of British Columbia, Mr Vander Zalm.

On the merits of the case, the Secretary of State sees no particular reason to recommend a call by Mr Peterson. Agreeing to see Mr Peterson could, moreover, set an uncomfortable precedent and encourage similar requests from other Premiers whom the Prime Minister has not yet met. A renewed request from the Premier of Quebec could be particularly difficult to turn down. The Secretary of State recognises, however, that the Prime Minister has half committed herself.

Mr Peterson has indicated that he would like more than just a courtesy call: he would like to discuss substantive issues including future opportunities for UK investment in the Province and the Economic Summit due to be held in Toronto in 1988.



Politically, Mr Peterson is an increasingly popular and important figure in Canada. He has been leader of the Ontario Liberal Party since 1982 and Premier in Ontario since 1985. His victory on 10 September should enable him to dominate the Province until at least 1992, unless he chooses to make a bid for the Liberal leadership at Federal level.

Ontario itself remains the hub of Canada in population and in wealth. Mr Peterson has provided dynamic and reforming leadership and UK trade and investment with Ontario has been expanding rapidly. Toronto has one of the world's leading stock markets and its "little bang" owed much to the example of the "big bang" in the City.

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From the Private Secretary

31 July 1987

*Advice please
Lyn Parker
s/e.*

Dear Mr.

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.

*Yours sincerely
Charles Powell*

(Charles Powell)

Lyn Parker, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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