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Prime Minister

I don't see the value of a general, catch-all invitation. Surely better to wait until we know if there is a NATO summit? Agree? CD 0/1

Dear Charles,

Contacts with Canada

The Foreign Secretary intends to invite Mr Joe Clark to stop over for talks in London when he is next passing this way. The proposed NATO Summit in the spring may provide an opportunity, if there is none earlier. One of the Foreign Secretary's objectives would be to discuss South Africa, given the Canadian role in the newly formed Commonwealth Committee of Foreign Ministers which is due to meet in Lusaka on 1-3 February.

The Foreign Secretary believes that the Prime Minister might wish to consider whether a parallel invitation should be sent to Mr Mulroney. Such a meeting would be an opportunity to emphasise our wholehearted support for the British bid for the SSNs contract and to discuss the NATO and Toronto Economic Summits. Our advice from the High Commissioner at Ottawa is that Mr Mulroney would be likely to be strongly in favour of such a meeting if it could be arranged.

If there is a NATO summit our first invitation should be to "stop over" - to Mr Mulroney if he would like to spend a day here with before the summit - whether the President comes or not.

This could be interpreted as the F.L.O. running a parallel summit - from the point of view I have carefully built up and steered through the Mulroney funds not

Yours ever,

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