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Dear Mr. Powell,

During my initial call on Prime Minister Thatcher on November 1, I raised with her the planned visit to London of Premier Robert Bourassa of Quebec in January 1989 and his interest in meeting her.

Premier Bourassa is particularly interested in discussing Quebec-United Kingdom trade, a subject of considerable importance to Quebec, given the fact that the United Kingdom is Quebec's principal export market in Europe. As I mentioned to Mrs. Thatcher, Premier Bourassa has, over the years, followed closely developments relating to the European Economic Community and he would very much like to discuss with her the evolution of the Community to 1992 as well.

Prime Minister Thatcher was kind enough to indicate that she would see whether something could be worked out.

I thought in view of this response, that I might take up Mrs. Thatcher's suggestion to follow up on our conversation at the official level.

I should be grateful to know, in due course, whether it will be possible to arrange an appointment for Premier Bourassa to meet with Mrs. Thatcher. Since speaking with the Prime Minister, I have learned that Premier Bourassa would appreciate meeting Mrs. Thatcher at any time suitable to her on January 19, 1989.

I should be grateful for any assistance you can give in arranging this appointment.

Yours very truly,

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