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PRIME MINISTER

CANADIAN ELECTIONS

The Canadian elections take place on Monday and the Foreign Office are keen for us to have contingency messages of congratulations to both Brian Mulroney and Mr. Turner. [If there is a deadlock we shall presumably just have to sit and think.]

Content for the messages to be despatched and held by the High Commissioner?

*Yes*

The Foreign Office have also expressed the hope that you might telephone the victor. I think this would be worth doing, at least in Brian Mulroney's case, if you can find a minute. Agree in principle?

*if he wins - yes.*

*no*

*CDP*

(C. D. POWELL)  
18 November 1988

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CANADIAN ELECTION: MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATION FROM THE PM

1. Please pass the appropriate message below to the winner of the Canadian election, as soon as the result is clear.

IN EVENT OF MULRONEY VICTORY

2. Quote My Dear Brian,

I send you my warmest congratulations on your re-election as Canada's Prime Minister. It is a hard earned and well deserved victory and a tribute to all you have achieved over the past four years. I am particularly pleased because it means continuity which is so important in dealing with the major world political and economic issues of our time. And it also means that we shall be able to go on working closely together for the things we both believe in. It really is the best possible news and Denis joins me in sending you and Mila our warm regards and good wishes.

Yours ever,

Margaret

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Sincerely,

Margaret unquote

IN EVENT OF TURNER VICTORY

3. Quote Dear Mr Turner,

Please accept my warm congratulations on your election victory. I look forward to renewing our personal and official relationships and, together with you, building on the strong ties of affection and interest between Canada and Britain, and on our wider Commonwealth relationship.

Canada's contributions to the maintenance of peace, the spread of prosperity and the encouragement of democracy are greatly valued: and your own firm commitments to Western defence and to the maintenance of an open world trading system will be invaluable assets in the challenging years ahead.

*yours* Sincerely,

Margaret Thatcher unquote

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Dear Charles,

Canadian Election (21 November): Congratulatory Messages

I enclose draft messages of congratulation from the Prime Minister to the winner of Monday's election in Canada. These reflect the views of Sir Alan Urwick. The message which the Prime Minister sent to Prime Minister Mulroney on his election in 1984 is attached for comparison.

The High Commissioner very much hopes that the Prime Minister will wish to telephone whichever party leader forms a government, and considers it to be even more necessary in the case of a Turner victory than one by Mulroney. He will be letting us have suitable telephone numbers in case the Prime Minister would like to do this, and advising on timing.

Yours ever,

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Private Secretary

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My warmest congratulations on your re-election as Canada's Prime Minister. Your victory is ~~just reward for the bold efforts you and your colleagues have made in the past four years to master the challenges facing Canada.~~ *Some of the challenges we can only tackle together.*

I look forward ~~enormously~~ *very much* to continuing ~~to work with you to ensure the prosperity and security of the Western democracies and to contributing with you to the resolution of the wider tensions between East and West, North and South.~~ *our* In tackling these difficult tasks we are fortunate in being able to rely on the close working relations already established between our two governments, which in turn rest on the firm foundation of deep and abiding friendship between our two peoples.

Denis and I send you and Mila our warm regards and best wishes.

Sincerely,

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TO IMMEDIATE OTTAWA  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 222 OF 5 SEPTEMBER  
MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM MRS THATCHER TO  
MR MULRONEY:

BEGINS I SEND YOU MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR  
MAGNIFICENT VICTORY IN YESTERDAY'S GENERAL ELECTION.

I REMEMBER OUR MEETING IN OTTAWA LAST AUTUMN WITH GREAT  
PLEASURE AND LOOK FORWARD TO A NEW CHAPTER OF COOPERATION  
BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CANADA. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR  
BOTH OUR NATIONS THAT WE SHOULD DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO STRENGTHEN  
AND ENRICH THE LONGSTANDING LINKS BETWEEN US AND WITH OUR MUTUAL  
FRIEND THE UNITED STATES. I HOPE THAT WE SHALL HAVE AN  
OPPORTUNITY OF MEETING SOON EITHER IN THE UNITED KINGDOM OR  
CANADA. ENDS.

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