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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 (IE IF EITHER MULRONEY OR TURNER WINS AN UNDISPUTED VICTORY. IF THERE IS DEADLOCK WITH NO PARTY HAVING A CLEAR MAJORITY, WE MAY NEED, IN THE LIGHT OF YOUR ADVICE, TO THINK AGAIN).

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 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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*From the Private Secretary*

20 November, 1988.

*See Resident Clerk,*

**CANADIAN ELECTIONS**

Lyn Parker sent me draft messages from the Prime Minister to Mr. Mulroney and Mr. Turner on the outcome of the Canadian Elections, and suggested that we send them to our High Commission in Ottawa to despatch as appropriate, in the light of the Election result.

I enclose the messages in slightly revised form, and they may be despatched to our High Commission in Ottawa. But it must be clear that they can only be released if either Mr. Mulroney or Mr. Turner wins an undisputed victory. If there is a deadlock with no party having a clear majority, we may need to think again.

The Prime Minister will be ready to telephone Mr. Mulroney if he is the victor, and it would be helpful to have a number on which we can get him. She is unlikely to want to telephone Mr. Turner.

*Yours sincerely,*  
*Charles Powell*

(C.D. Powell)

The Resident Clerk,  
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Yours ever,

Margaret



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Margaret