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From the Private Secretary

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CANADIAN ELECTIONS

The Prime Minister spoke to Mr. Mulroney shortly before 5 o'clock GMT this afternoon. The Prime Minister said she was absolutely thrilled by the result and congratulated Mr. Mulroney most warmly on a magnificent effort. Mr. Mulroney said that he was very pleased. The final breakdown of seats was likely to be 170 for the Conservatives, 80 for the Liberals and about 40 for the NDP. He added that the Prime Minister's comments in Washington had been extremely helpful in their effect on opinion in Canada, as had her speech to the Canadian Parliament last June. He hoped very much that he and the Prime Minister could meet soon. The Prime Minister repeated that it was a terrific result and she particularly welcomed the continuity that it would ensure in Western policies.

I am copying this letter to Alex Allan (HM Treasury), Brian Hawtin (Ministry of Defence) and Trevor Woolley (Cabinet Office).

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