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Dew Charles,

EXPO 2000

I am replying to your letter of 10 May to Martin Stanley (DTI), since EXPO 2000 is at present our responsibility.

On 14 June the International Exhibitions Bureau (43 member states including the UK) will decide by secret vote which of the three candidates, Venice, Hanover and Toronto, should be the site for EXPO 2000. The Foreign Secretary will shortly be consulting other Ministers about how the UK should vote.

We have received and acknowledged intensive lobbying from all three candidates and I do not think you need reply to the Canadian High Commissioner.

I am copying this letter to Martin Stanley at the DTI.

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Jours ever,

Private Secretary

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From the Private Secretary

10 May 1990

Dear Portin.

EXPO 2000

The Canadian High Commissioner raised the subject of Expo 2000 when he called to see me on another matter today. He said the decision on the site was likely to be taken shortly and he hoped very much the United Kingdom would give its support to Toronto. I said that I did not know very much about this. I had read in the newspapers that Venice was also a candidate. But I would make his representations known. I should be grateful if you could let me know what the position is and whether I should reply to the Canadian High Commissioner.

I am copying this letter to Richard Gozney (Foreign and Commonwealth Office).

(C. D. POWELL)

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