SECRET 10 DOWNING STREET LONDON SWIA 2AA From the Private Secretary 24 May 1990 MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER MULRONEY Thank you for your letter of 24 May suggesting a message from the Prime Minister to Mr. Mulroney abut his present difficulties. The Prime Minister agrees that the best course would be for me to speak to Mr. Hartt which I shall try to do. (C. D. POWELL) Stephen Wall, Esq., Foreign and Commonwealth Office. SECRET

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