

SECRET



apl  
7

10 DOWNING STREET  
LONDON SW1A 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 about 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



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London S.W.1

24 May 1990

500  
 (a-c) case  
 (1)  
 Prime Minister  
 Center for me  
 Dear Charles, to speak to  
 Mr. Hartt? - Yes Mr.  
 CAN.

Message to Prime Minister Mulroney

The constitutional issue of Quebec's position in Canada is causing Prime Minister Mulroney increasing problems as the deadline for ratification of the Meech Lake Accord (23 June) approaches. Until now, the general view has been that "Canada will muddle through". However, the resignation of his close associate from Quebec and Federal Minister for the Environment, Lucien Bouchard, must complicate his problems. Ottawa telno 321 (enclosed) gives background.

The Prime Minister might want to send Mr Mulroney a short message of encouragement. I enclose a draft in the form of a draft telegram to Ottawa. Alternatively, and this would be the preference of the High Commissioner whom we have consulted, the Prime Minister could speak to Mr Mulroney or you could speak to Stanley Hartt.

You may consider the game is not worth the candle but I have little doubt the gesture would be valued.

Yours,

Stephe Wall

(J S Wall)  
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq  
 10 Downing Street

Message delivered  
 by telephone to  
 Mr. Hartt: 25 May 1600

CAN  
 25/5

OUT TELEGRAM

16.

	Classification SECRET	Caveat DEDIP	Precedence DESKBY
--	--------------------------	-----------------	----------------------

CZC 1 ZCZC  
 2 SECRET  
 AVEAT 3 DEDIP  
 4 FM FCO  
 5 TO DESKBY 131<sup>5</sup>00Z OTTAWA  
 ELNO 6 TELNO  
 F 7 OF 231046Z MAY 90  
 ND TO 8

9 MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO MR MULRONEY

- 10
- 11 1. Your telno 321 refers.
- 12 2. Provided you see no objection, please deliver the
- 13 following message to Mr Mulroney as soon as possible:
- 14 Quote: With such an important date for Canada in the
- 15 offing, I wanted to send you a line to let you know that ~~at such~~
- 16 ~~a time~~ my thoughts are very much with you. ~~and Canada's best~~
- 17 ~~interests.~~ *I'm sure you'll win through.*
- 18 Margaret ~~Thatcher~~ Unquote.
- 19 3. Grateful if you would ensure that knowledge of the
- 20 existence of this personal (repeat personal) message is strictly
- 21 limited, including in Mulroney's Private Office.

22

23 HURD

24 YYYY

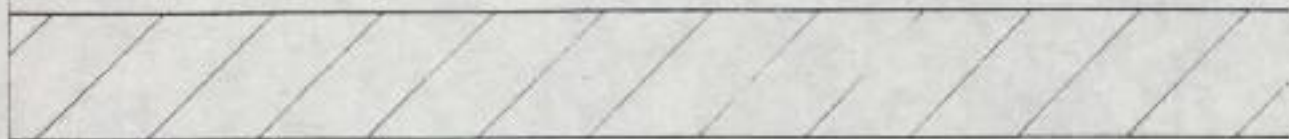
25 DISTRIBUTION PS/PUS

/// 26 NONE PS/MR SAINSBURY

// 27 HD/NAD PS

/ 28 MR BEAMISH NNNN

29 MR MCLAREN



YY	Catchword		
IN	File number P01ADK	Dept NAD	Drafted by (Block initials) D A Burns
ADDITIONAL	Telephone no 270 2661		
ANN	Authorised for despatch by:	Initials	Date/time
	For COB use only	Comcon reference	Telegram number
			Processed by