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9 April 1986

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Canada and G5

Mr Mulroney wrote to the Prime Minister on 11 March about the inclusion of Canada in meetings of the G5. Telex copies of the letter were delivered both to you and to the FCO on 13 March; the Prime Minister spoke on the telephone to Mr Mulroney on 17 March and sent a letter in reply the following day.

We have now received under cover of a diplomatic note from the Canadian High Commission the original of the letter, together with a request from the High Commission that it be forwarded to its destination. This I enclose, although no further action is required.

Yours ever

R N Culshaw

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Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
PS/10 Downing Street

Canadian High Commission



Haut Commissariat du Canada

London, W1X 0AB

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March 13, 1986

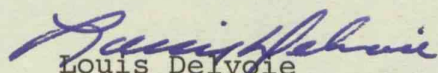
Sir Percy Cradock, G.C.M.G.
Chairman, Joint Intelligence Committee
and Foreign Affairs Advisor to the
Prime Minister
Cabinet Office
70 Whitehall
London, SW1A 2AS

Dear Sir Percy,

I am enclosing the text of a letter from Prime Minister Mulroney to Prime Minister Thatcher regarding possible Canadian Membership in an expanded Group of Five Finance Ministers. I would be grateful if you could ensure the Prime Minister receives it as soon as convenient.

I should also note that ~~that~~ Prime Minister Mulroney intends to call Prime Minister Thatcher on March 17th, just before his departure for Washington. I will contact you shortly on the timing of the call.

Yours sincerely,


Louis Delvoie
Acting High Commissioner

PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
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March 11, 1986

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, PC, MP
Prime Minister of Great Britain
10 Downing Street
LONDON, S.W. 1

My dear Prime Minister:

I am writing to raise with you the inclusion of Canada in the meetings of Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors known as the Group of Five. I believe that a consensus is now emerging in favour of expanding the Group to include both Canada and Italy. I welcome this development and I wish to confirm that Canada is indeed interested in participating fully in this Group. I consider that Canada, because of its significant international involvement and as a Summit country, has an important contribution to make to the coordination of international economic and financial policy approaches and implementation.

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I assure you that our participation in the Finance Ministers' Group would in no way diminish the informal and confidential nature of its deliberations.

I would be very grateful for your personal support to see that Canada is included in the expansion of the Group. I am writing to the other leaders of the Group of Five countries to confirm to them Canada's interest in participating in the Group.

Yours sincerely,

Brian Mulroney

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Prime Minister
Mr. Mulroney
proposes to
telephone you about
this & other matters
next Monday
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CANADA

PRIME MINISTER • PREMIER MINISTRE

Ottawa, K1A 0A6
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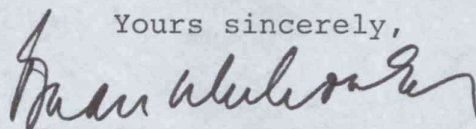
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Prime Minister of Great Britain and Northern Ireland,
London, United Kingdom

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Brian Mulroney", written in a cursive style.

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