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From the Private Secretary

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Your minute of 9 December covered a draft reply to Ottawa telno 742 about the organisation of the Toronto Economic Summit. I am confident that the Prime Minister would be content with this and it may issue.

(CHARLES POWELL)

10 December 1987

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MR POWELL

— Please find attached a copy of Ottawa TELNO 742 and the draft reply prepared by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and agreed by Sir Robert Armstrong, subject to the amendment on the last line of paragraph 1 indicated. I should be grateful to know if you are content for the reply to be sent in these terms in view of the reference in the telegram to the Prime Minister's own views.

2. The draft reply also refers to Ottawa TELNO 748: this simply amended the third line of paragraph 2 of TELNO 742 as indicated in manuscript on the copy I attach.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "T A Woolley", is written above the typed name.

T A WOOLLEY

9 December 1987

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	10	YOUR TELNOS 742 AND 748: TORONTO ECONOMIC SUMMIT		
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	12	1. If the proposed luncheon does not materialise, you should		
	13	take the opportunity of an introductory call on Doucet to respond		
	14	to his account of Mr Mulroney's approach to next year's Summit.		
	15	You should explain that the Prime Minister considers there is not		
	16	sufficient time during summits for a separate retreat but looks		
	17	forward to the customary private and informal exchanges with		
<i>at meals and</i>	18	colleagues, in the first main session.		
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	20	2. On less pre-ordering of the debate, you should say that we		
	21	would be content if the Canadians reverted to the pre-Venice		
	22	practice of not circulating a draft of the economic declaration		
	23	before the Summit. But advance preparation is essential if a		
	24	text is to be agreed in the very limited time available during		
	25	the Summit. This preparation need not 'preordain' the debate and		
///	26	can indeed serve to free Heads of Government for unrehearsed		
//	27	discussion.		
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	29	3. You should assure Doucet that Canadian and UK positions on		
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 2 world economic issues are close. Both countries are in the van
 3 of those calling for liberalisation of trade, reform of world
 4 agricultural policies, and help for the poorest and most indebted
 5 countries in Africa.

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 7 4. In responding to Doucet's views on the Summit you will wish
 8 to be circumspect in view of the fact that Sylvia Ostry, as
 9 Personal Representative, also has a major role in Summit
 10 preparations. Strictly for your information, the Canadian High
 11 Commission has warned us that the potential for confusion of
 12 roles is high.

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WELLINGTON TELNO 506 (NOT TO ALL): TORONTO ECONOMIC SUMMIT 1988

1. FRED DOUCET, THE CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER'S PERSONAL OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF SUMMITS, GAVE US AN ACCOUNT OVER LUNCH THIS WEEK OF HOW MR MULRONEY MAY BE APPROACHING NEXT YEAR'S TORONTO ECONOMIC SUMMIT.
2. IT LOOKS AS THOUGH MR MULRONEY REMAINS KEEN ON A RETREAT WHICH WOULD ALLOW THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT TO HAVE SOME DISCUSSIONS ALONE. AT THE SAME TIME THE FINANCE MINISTERS RESPECTIVELY WOULD HAVE THEIR OWN MEETINGS. BUT DOUCET WAS THINKING OF A RETREAT ONLY 20 MINUTES AWAY ON TORONTO ISLAND. DOUCET SAID THAT HE HAD NOTICED RESISTANCE BY SOME OF THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES ON 6 AND 7 NOVEMBER TO THIS IDEA. HE, HOWEVER, WOULD BE ADVOCATING IT FURTHER. HE ENVISAGED THAT THE INFORMAL EXCHANGES DURING THE RETREAT WOULD INFORM THE SUBSEQUENT DEBATE AND DISCUSSION ON THE COMMUNIQUE.
3. IN DOUCET'S VIEW THE SUMMITS IN THE PAST HAD TENDED TO HAVE BEEN TOO MUCH ORDERED IN ADVANCE. THIS LED TO A PREORDAINED DEBATE. IT WAS IMPORTANT THIS TIME PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE LARGE NUMBERS OF MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES EXPECTED, THAT IT WAS NOT FELT THAT THE CONCLUSIONS HAD BEEN DRAFTED BEFOREHAND. OTHERWISE PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN THE SUMMIT PROCESS MAY BE IMPAIRED AND THE MEDIA WOULD BE MORE THAN EVER ON THE LOOKOUT FOR PERSONAL DIFFERENCES.
4. DOUCET BELIEVED THAT THERE WAS A CLOSE COINCIDENCE BETWEEN CANADIAN AND UK POSITIONS ON WORLD ECONOMIC ISSUES. HE THOUGHT THAT THE SUMMIT WOULD SERVE TO STRENGTHEN THE CANADIAN/UK RELATIONSHIP. THIS HAD NOT BEEN LASTINGLY DAMAGED BY THE HONEST DIFFERENCES OF VIEW OVER SANCTIONS, WHICH HAD BEEN EXPLOITED BY THE PRESS IN VANCOUVER. HOWEVER, IF THERE WERE ANOTHER PUBLIC DISPUTE BETWEEN THE UK AND CANADA AT THE TORONTO SUMMIT, THEN THE PERCEPTION BY PEOPLE IN CANADA WOULD BE THAT THE RELATIONSHIP WAS GOING BADLY AWRY.

5. DOUCET SAID THAT THEY HAD DONE A SURVEY AMONGST YOUNG PEOPLE WHICH HAD REVEALED LITTLE KNOWLEDGE OF THE ECONOMIC SUMMIT PROCESS BUT A DESIRE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT IT. THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT WAS THEREFORE GOING TO PUT IN HAND AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME. WE DREW ATTENTION TO THE RISK OF RAISING EXCESSIVE EXPECTATIONS OF WHAT MIGHT BE ACHIEVED AT TORONTO.

6. DOUCET HOPED TO GIVE A LUNCHEON FOR THE AMBASSADORS OF THE SUMMIT COUNTRIES BEFORE CHRISTMAS TO EXPLAIN CANADIAN VIEWS. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF THERE ARE ANY SPECIAL MARKERS YOU WOULD LIKE THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TO PUT DOWN IF THIS OCCASION TAKES PLACE.

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