

MR. ALISON

I agree; I'll get in touch
with Lord F. MA 5/1

You wrote to Lord Fanshawe on 15 November saying that the Prime Minister would be glad to see Mr. Mulroney, Leader of the Federal Opposition in Canada, at 1200 on 17 February for talks.

The Prime Minister has since said that she would like to give a small working lunch for Mr. Mulroney. This will be in the small dining room and involve no more than about ten people (guest list to be discussed).

I do not think there is any point in the Prime Minister both holding talks and having a working lunch with Mr. Mulroney. I therefore suggest that you ask Lord Fanshawe to contact Mulroney again and say that on reflection, the Prime Minister would like to entertain Mr. Mulroney while he is here and suggests that the previous proposal for talks be replaced by one for a working lunch on Friday 17 February - at 1.00 for 1.15.

Although this will be largely a party political event, I should be grateful if we could keep in touch. There will be considerable interest in Canada in the fact that this meeting is taking place - and Mr. Trudeau will have an eye on it.

A.S.C.

3 January 1984

MR. COLES

Working Lunch for Mr. Mulroney,
Leader of the Canadian Progressive
Conservative Party on Friday 17 February

I understand the Prime Minister has agreed to give a working lunch for Mr. Mulroney on Friday, 17 February. A maximum number of 12.

Could you please let me know the following:

1. Would the Party or Government pay for this lunch?
2. Would you like cards printed?
3. Who will be supplying the guest list?

Sue

Sue.

1. Party.
2. Ask Political Office
3. Central Office should:-
(i) ask Mr. Mulroney whom he would like to bring (himself + up to 5)
(ii) supply a draft guest list. *A.F.C. 15*

18 January 1984

MULRONEY

Cancelled meeting

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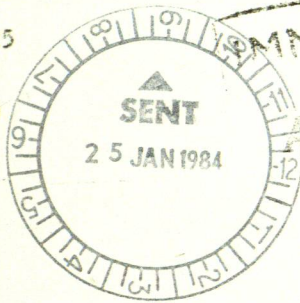
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LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION'S VISIT TO LONDON

1. THE MINISTER OF FINANCE, MR LALONDE, ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT HE WOULD INTRODUCE HIS BUDGET ON 15 FEBRUARY. THIS WAS ON THE FACE OF IT AN EXTRAORDINARY DISCOURTESY TO THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION, FOR IT HAS BEEN KNOWN PUBLICLY FOR SOME TIME THAT HE PLANNED TO BE AWAY FROM CANADA BETWEEN 10 AND 18 FEBRUARY SEEING MRS THATCHER (ON 17 FEBRUARY), THE POPE, PRESIDENT MITTERAND AND NATO LEADERS. HE CLAIMS TO HAVE TOLD MR TRUDEAU OF THESE DATES ON 16 JANUARY.

2. MR MULRONEY'S INITIAL REACTION WAS TO SAY THAT HE WOULD CARRY ON WITH HIS TRIP, BUT HE HAS NOW HAD SECOND THOUGHTS AND HIS OFFICE INFORMED ME THIS MORNING (AND HAVE NOW CONFIRMED IN WRITING) THAT HE HAS RELUCTANTLY DECIDED TO POSTPONE HIS TRIP AND TRY TO ARRANGE IT AT A LATER, SO FAR UNSPECIFIED, DATE.

3. MR MULRONEY TOLD ME ONLY LAST WEEK THAT HE WAS VERY MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING MRS THATCHER AND I AM SURE THAT HE GREATLY REGRETS THE NEED TO POSTPONE HIS VISIT.

4. PLEASE PASS TO NO.12 DOWNING STREET.

FCO PLEASE PASS SAVING TO ALL

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① Spoke to
Sue Goodwin

② Spoke to CCO.

Per
25/1

1) Mr. Mulroney *
2) Political Office *
* Mr. Mulroney

World you please note that Mr. Mulroney has postponed his visit (I may want to suggest using the free lunch slot for the Prime Minister of Belgium).

A.S.C. 26/1