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From the Principal Private Secretary

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Dear John,

TORONTO ECONOMIC SUMMIT: POLITICAL ISSUES

Thank you for your letter of 11 May about political issues for the Toronto Economic Summit.

I agree generally with the approach described in your letter. You are right in saying that we should be ready to make clear to the Canadians that we do not agree that the price of securing a good discussion on Middle Eastern terrorism should be our agreement to a discussion of South Africa. The plain fact is, I think, that it would be the Canadians, not the British, who will be the losers if South Africa was discussed. Indeed, the Prime Minister might in any case wish to refer to Angola and Soviet/Cuban troop withdrawals.

I am copying this letter to Rodric Braithwaite (Foreign and Commonwealth Office).

*Yours sincerely
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Sir John Fretwell, G.C.M.G,
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