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Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Speech to the Canadian Parliament

Thank you for your letter of 13 June forwarding the latest version of the Prime Minister's speech to the Canadian Parliament. We have only one or two suggestions to make.

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We think it very important to make specific references to Canada's support in two World Wars and their enormous generosity to us after 1945. This could easily be done by reinserting the following (from one of your earlier drafts) after "raging" on page 9 of version 1(a):

"Forty-three years after VE day, we honour the valour and sacrifice of Canadian fighting men in two World Wars. That is something which we in Britain shall never forget, a debt which can never be repaid. So too is the enormously generous help which you gave Britain in the post-war years".

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You may also like to look again at the first paragraph on page 43. Whether or not Gorbachev succeeds, he will have made some changes which will not easily be reversed. The passage might read:

".....we do not know how far Mr Gorbachev will succeed in his new policies. Old ways die hard. We can hope for the best. But...."(and you presumably intend "worst" not "worse" case).

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