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June 1, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE
THE WHITE HOUSE

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Subject: Press Inquiries Regarding President's Comments on
Ambassador Paul Robinson

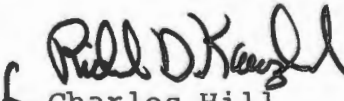
Influential segments of the Canadian media are interpreting the President's remarks during yesterday's press meeting as a lack of confidence in Ambassador Paul Robinson. Radio and TV reporting has stressed the President's jocular comment that he was unaware of some of Ambassador Robinson's criticism of Canada's level of defense spending, its energy policies, and its treatment of US investors. The conclusion is drawn that Ambassador Robinson no longer enjoys the President's confidence.

Given the attention this story is attracting in Canada, together with the likelihood that it will remain in the headlines in the days ahead, we believe some expression of trust in the Ambassador is essential for his further work and effectiveness in Canada. We therefore propose the following contingency press guidance for use by the White House, State Department, and our Embassy in Ottawa:

Question: Do the President's comments in yesterday's meeting with reporters reflect a loss of confidence in US Ambassador Paul Robinson?

Answer: We are authorized to state that the President retains utmost confidence in his good friend Paul Robinson, who has done an outstanding job in his 3 years as US Ambassador to Canada. As the President said to reporters yesterday, while we may have differences, Canada remains "about as close a friend as a nation can have." Paul Robinson can take a good part of the credit for this state of affairs.

For further background, we attach a memorandum on this general subject.


Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

Attachment:
As stated.

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Canadian Press Controversy on Ambassador's Statements

During his three years in Ottawa, Ambassador Paul Robinson has spoken out publicly and regularly on issues that are of legitimate concern to the US but also of political sensitivity to Canadians: the low level of Canada's defense spending, Canada's inability to meet its NATO military commitments, the negative effect on foreign investment of certain nationalistic Canadian policies. Since his controversial first year, the Ambassador has tempered his remarks while continuing to defend US interests as he sees them. Despite frequent, critical press commentary of Robinson's comments, the Canadian Government has never censured him publicly or privately. Indeed, Prime Minister Trudeau has acknowledged off the record that the Ambassador is right to speak his mind even if the Government of Canada disagrees.

Last Monday morning (May 28), Robinson was quoted in an Ottawa news story as saying that the next Canadian government -- whoever wins -- will do a lot of backpedalling on nationalistic policies which have angered the US. The story, based on an interview given by the Ambassador, attributed to him the view that "the emotionalism of Canadianization has been tempered by the realities of jobs."

The story spawned additional media coverage which sought to portray Robinson as meddling in Canadian domestic politics. The Parliamentary Leader of the small, left-of-center New Democratic Party said the Ambassador should be recalled, but Prime Minister Trudeau and Foreign Minister MacEachen have both played down the controversy. In a farewell call by the Ambassador on Monday afternoon, Trudeau, who will soon retire, told Robinson that he and Mrs. Robinson deserve a great deal of personal credit for the improvement in US-Canadian relations in recent years.

On Tuesday, Robinson issued a first-person statement:

"The message I conveyed in my recent interview with a reporter of the Ottawa Citizen was that the Canadian-US relationship has dramatically improved and will continue to improve no matter who is the next elected Prime Minister of Canada or President of the United States.

"Any implication that I was expressing an opinion or preference as to the outcome of the next Canadian election is entirely unfounded."

This statement was printed intact by a number of Canadian dailies.

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On May 30, the Citizen ran an editorial defending the Ambassador. It stated, "Parliamentary critics of US Ambassador Paul Robinson made themselves seem ridiculous when they got all hot and bothered about the frank comments of the Republican envoy in Ottawa. After all, he was only giving his analysis of what he believes Canada's policy towards his country will be under three potential leaders...What's so scandalous about them...?There's nothing 'condescending' or 'insulting' about anything Robinson said...The outspoken Reagan representative certainly knows the difference between promoting his own government's policies and interfering in Canada's elections. It's a pity some of our parliamentarians apparently don't."

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 15, 1984

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO: The Prime Minister-designate of Canada
(either John Turner or Jean Chretien)

DATE: June 17 or soon thereafter

RECOMMENDED BY: Robert C. McFarlane *RCM*

PURPOSE: To congratulate the newly-designated leader of the Liberal Party who will be chosen June 16, and who will become the new Prime Minister until general elections are held.

BACKGROUND: Pierre Trudeau will retire this week as Canadian Prime Minister and his successor will be the individual selected to head the Liberal Party at their convention, June 16. We anticipate that either John Turner or Jean Chretien (kRAYT'YEN) will be designated and serve as the new Premier at least until general elections are held. You are scheduled to meet with (Conservative) Opposition leader Brian Mulroney on June 21 and this telephone call will serve to both maintain our neutrality in the upcoming elections and get you off to a good start with the new Premier. Talking points are provided at Tab A for each candidate.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

1. Offer congratulations on his victory, and to express your desire to continue to build on the excellent relationship that now exists between Canada and the U.S.
2. To indicate that you are looking forward to developing a close working relationship with the new Prime Minister.

(Talking Points attached at Tab A)

Date of Submission:

Action *Call made on 6/18*

TALKING POINTS FOR CALL TO PRIME MINISTER-DESIGNATE OF CANADA

- Congratulations on your victory. I know how much hard work has gone into bringing you this most impressive achievement.
- You have busy days ahead. I know what it's like trying to run a government and campaign at the same time.
- I look forward to working with you to maintain the close, cordial ties which link our peoples and our governments.
- Canadian-U.S. friendship transcends partisan politics because our two nations share beliefs in peace, freedom and democratic values.

(If John Turner is the new leader)

- I am sure that your years in private business will help you bring a fresh perspective to the office of Prime Minister.
- I particularly appreciate your many statements of support for NATO. As the two non-European members of the Alliance, it is important that we show a common approach to NATO.

(If Jean Chretien emerges as leader) (KrayT'YEN)

- Your many years of public service in difficult Cabinet jobs have prepared you well for the leadership you are now assuming.
- I am aware of your close working relationship with our Ambassadors over the years. We look forward to building on this cooperation in your new job.
- I was especially impressed with your come-from-behind victory in your Party's leadership race.

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The following numbers are for John Turner, Canada's New Prime Minister

June 18

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From 4:30 - until rest of day - Hotel Room - 613 232 6411 Room
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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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June 13, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

SIGNED

FROM: TYRUS W. COBB *TWC*

SUBJECT: Recommended Presidential Call to Canada's
New Prime Minister

Trudeau's successor as Canadian Prime Minister will be chosen at the Liberal Party convention Saturday, June 16, and will serve at least until the up-coming general election. Since opposition leader Brian Mulroney will be at the White House on June 21 to meet with the President, State is suggesting that the President telephone the new Prime Minister-designate on Sunday, June 17, or soon thereafter, to congratulate him on his victory. This will serve to solidify our ties with the new government, and help to maintain our neutrality in the electoral contest.

Attached at Tab I is a "Recommended Telephone Call" memorandum from you, advocating that the President call the new Prime Minister soon after his selection. Talking points are provided for the President's use (Tab A) with the two leading candidates.

JW *TWC*
Jack Matlock and Peter Sommer concur.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign and forward the call memorandum at Tab I.

Approve

Disapprove

Attachments

- Tab I - Recommended Call Memo
- Tab A - Talking Points
- Tab B - Incoming from State

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE
THE WHITE HOUSEWHITE HOUSE
SITUATIONSubject: Recommendation that the President Call Canada's
New Prime Minister

Since Pierre Trudeau announced his intention to retire last February, Canada's ruling Liberal Party has been occupied with a race to pick his successor as Party leader and -- at least until the up-coming general election -- as Prime Minister. The new leader will be chosen at a party convention during the evening of Saturday June 16, and he is expected to take over as Prime Minister a few days later. The clear front runners are former Finance Minister John Turner and current Energy Minister Jean Chretien. (Biographic summaries are attached.) Far back in the race are: Economic Development and Science Minister Donald Johnston; Justice Minister Mark MacGuigan; Indian Affairs and Northern Development Minister John Munro; Employment and Immigration Minister John Roberts; and Agriculture Minister Eugene Whelan. (Biographic summaries will be provided if necessary.)

We strongly recommend that the President call the new Liberal leader and Prime Minister-designate on Sunday, June 17, or soon thereafter to congratulate him on his victory and to express our wish to continue the close, cordial ties between Canada and the US. Suggested talking points are also attached. Such a call would help balance the June 21 White House visit, which was announced several weeks ago, of Opposition Leader Brian Mulroney, who will lead the Progressive Conservative Party in the up-coming election.

Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

1. Biographic Summaries
2. Suggested Talking Points

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Suggested Talking Points:
The President's Telephone Call to Canada's New
Liberal Party Leader and Prime Minister-Designate

(To Be Chosen June 16, 1984)

- Congratulations on your victory. I know how much hard work has gone into bringing you this most impressive achievement.
- I look forward to working with you to maintain the close, cordial ties which link our peoples and our governments.
- Canadian-US friendship transcends partisan politics because of our two nations' shared beliefs in peace, freedom and democratic values.
- I wish you well in your heavy, new responsibilities.

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June 14, 1984

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. McFARLANE
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Recommendation that the President Call Canada's
New Prime Minister

This message forwards expanded and personalized talking
points for the President's proposed telephone call to the new
Canadian Prime Minister.

For McKinley
Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

Attachments:

- Tab 1 - Revised Talking Points
- Tab 2 - Previous Hill-McFarlane Memo

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Liberal Party Leader and Prime Minister-Designate

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(If Turner is the new leader)

- I am sure that your years in private business will help you bring a fresh perspective to the office of Prime Minister.
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(If Chretien emerges as leader)

- Your many years of public service in difficult Cabinet jobs have prepared you well for the leadership you are now assuming.
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- I was especially impressed with your come-from-behind victory in your Party's leadership race.

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(To Be Chosen June 16, 1984)

- Congratulations on your victory. I know how much hard work has gone into bringing you this most impressive achievement.
- I look forward to working with you to maintain the close, cordial ties which link our peoples and our governments.
- Canadian-US friendship transcends partisan politics because of our two nations' shared beliefs in peace, freedom and democratic values.
- I wish you well in your heavy, new responsibilities.

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