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June 20, 1984

MEETING WITH CANADIAN OPPOSITION LEADER BRIAN MULRONEY

DATE: June 21, 1984
LOCATION: Oval Office
TIME: 1:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

FROM: ROBERT C. MCFARLANE *John for*

I. PURPOSE

To maintain communication with the Progressive Conservative Party; to enhance your personal relationship with the leader of the Canadian opposition and a possible Prime Minister.

II. BACKGROUND

The charismatic and often unpredictable Brian Mulroney took over the leadership of the opposition Progressive Conservatives one year ago, and immediately propelled the Tories to a commanding 2-to-1 lead in the polls.

- The resignation of Trudeau, the selection of popular businessman John Turner as the new leader of the Liberal Party and Mulroney's somewhat indecisive leadership have brought the two Parties virtually even in the polls. We anticipate that Turner will call for elections in August or November, and the issue of who can best handle the Americans will likely be a key factor in the race.
- We are, of course, maintaining a neutral stance in the contest, but anticipate that relations will improve demonstrably with either Turner or Mulroney. Your letter to Trudeau on arms control and your telephone call to Turner on Monday will balance Mulroney's White House visit and maintain our neutrality.
- Mulroney has frequently criticized Trudeau and the Liberals for unnecessarily antagonizing the U.S., and for having weakened Canadian-American relations. He lambasted Trudeau's economic nationalism which discouraged American investment and led to a rise in the unemployment rate in Canada. He is an enthusiastic advocate of the private enterprise system and has focused attention on the need to restrain the government's size and role. Mulroney, who is very pro-NATO, has called for increased Canadian defense spending and is an outspoken

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cc Vice President
Ed Meese
Jim Baker
Mike Deaver

critic of the Soviet Union. Still, Mulroneu will encourage you to continue seeking arms control agreements, and to expand our dialogue with the Soviet leadership.

State's comprehensive memorandum, along with Mulroneu's bio, are at Tab A. Suggested talking points are at Tab B.

III. PARTICIPANTS

U.S.

The President

The Vice President

Robert C. McFarlane

Assistant Secretary of State Richard R. Burt

Tyrus W. Cobb, NSC

James Medas, DAS for Canada

Meese, Baker and Deaver will attend at their discretion

Canada

Brian Mulroneu, Leader of the Progressive Conservatives

Sinclair Stevens, Foreign Policy Advisor

Dr. J. Alfred Doucet, Chief of Staff

IV. PRESS PLAN

Photo opportunity at beginning of meeting. Mulroneu will meet with the White House press corps after the meeting.

V. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

1:30-1:35 p.m. Photo Opportunity

1:35-2:00 p.m. Meeting in Oval Office

Attachments

Tab A - State's Memo and Bio

Tab B - Talking Points

Prepared by:
Tyrus W. Cobb

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Visit of Brian Mulroney, Canada's Leader of the Opposition
Thursday, June 21, 1:30 p.m.

I. SETTING AND OBJECTIVES

Since his dramatic victory in replacing former Prime Minister Joe Clark as Tory leader twelve months ago, Brian Mulroney has re-energized the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada. He has used his assets -- relative youth (he is 44), telegenic good looks, vigor and considerable charm -- to project an appealing public image of his party, which has spent over 20 years (except for nine months in 1979-80) out of political power. As Leader of the Opposition, Mulroney has blamed the ruling Trudeau Liberals for having soured relations with the US, and he has frequently promised to give top priority to restoring close Ottawa-Washington ties. Meanwhile, the Conservatives have seen a once formidable 2-to-1 public opinion poll lead over the Liberals melt away, particularly since the unpopular Trudeau's February retirement announcement. The Tories are now in an apparent dead heat with the Liberals, and the last two Gallup polls have actually shown them 6 percentage points behind. The winner of the up-coming general election, which is likely to be called in late August or in November, will probably hinge on whether Mulroney can restore the media ascendancy and public enthusiasm which the Conservatives previously enjoyed but which the current Liberal leadership race (to be decided on June 16) has greatly eroded.

The President's first objective in this meeting is to establish a cordial personal relationship with the man who may well be Canada's Prime Minister by year's end. A second objective is to sound out Mulroney on his plans for governing Canada, particularly on areas of special interest to the United States. Third, the President will want to maintain our even-handed, neutral position between the Liberals and Progressive Conservatives in the approaching Canadian election.

II. ISSUES TO BE RAISED

Mulroney hopes to gain international stature and domestic political mileage from his meeting with the President and other senior Administration figures (Secretaries Shultz and Baldrige, Ambassador Brock). Although he has long been active in Tory Party politics as a private businessman, Mulroney was first elected to Canada's Parliament only last August, two months after being chosen Party Leader. We expect him to raise three key issues: US-Canadian relations, economic-trade topics, defense and arms control.

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From his public comments, it is clear that Mulroney will seek to portray his Liberal adversaries as having greatly weakened US-Canadian relations during the 16 years of Trudeau rule. In fact, our bilateral relations have improved markedly in the past two years as the costs of economic nationalism, particularly in terms of lost investment and failure to create enough new jobs, became painfully apparent to many Liberals and others in Canada.

As the widely respected President of the US-owned Iron Ore Company of Canada, Mulroney became publicly identified with free-market principles and the need to restrain Government and encourage private enterprise in Canada. He is unlikely to dismantle the elaborate panoply of publicly owned enterprises operating in the energy, transportation, manufacturing and other sectors because Canadian voters seem still to prefer a state presence in these areas, but he is clearly more favorably disposed to the private initiative than Trudeau and most Liberals. Given Canadian fear of US dominance and vulnerability to economic developments and policies here (70% of Canada's trade is with the US), Mulroney will avoid any appearance of failing to defend Canada's economic interests with us. He is likely to stress his sympathy for the Administration's efforts to reduce Government and stimulate private enterprise in the US.

On defense, Mulroney will undoubtedly criticize the Trudeau government for having drastically reduced Canada's military posture and for spending less proportionately on security than any other NATO country except Iceland and Luxembourg. However, despite his sincere views, Mulroney as Prime Minister would be very hard pressed to increase defense outlays substantially given the fondness of Canadian voters for their costly system of social services, the continuing high rate of unemployment in Canada (over 4 percentage points higher than in the US) and the size of Ottawa's federal deficit. Mulroney would undoubtedly continue Trudeau's policy of allowing US cruise missile testing.

Because arms control is an especially emotional issue in Canada, Mulroney may raise it briefly. His Party expressed qualified endorsement of Trudeau's vaunted "peace initiative" last year for domestic political reason, but Mulroney is well aware that Soviet intransigence is blocking progress in this area.

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TALKING POINTS FOR THE PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH
CANADIAN OPPOSITION LEADER BRIAN MULRONEY

- Welcome. It seems we will both be interested in the same topic in coming months -- elections.
- As I said recently, Canada is as good a friend, neighbor and ally as any nation could hope to have. Incidentally, I do appreciate your public statements affirming the importance of Canada and the U.S. having a special relationship.
- Canada and the U.S. have established patterns of trade and economic cooperation that make both our nations stronger, freer, and more prosperous.
- Whatever problems we may have reflect our unique interdependence, not any hostility or ill will. We will continue working to eliminate irritations in our economic ties and to expand trade.
- We hope Canada will increase her defense effort and maintain solidarity with the Western Allies during this period when the Soviets are testing NATO's will and solidarity.
- No one wants peace more than the American people and this Administration. We are more than ready to build a more durable peace and to reduce the threat of war.

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- We are ready and willing to talk with the Soviets on arms reductions whenever they return to the bargaining table.
- So far, the Soviets have not been responsive. They may have troubles in their decision-making process, with such rapid changes of leadership.
- Their present tactic seems to be to stonewall us in the hope that public anxieties will force us to make concessions.
- We have to be patient and stay the course: firm in maintaining our deterrent and our unity, while making it clear that we will be flexible and forthcoming whenever they are ready.
- I have recently written to Premier Trudeau in response to his letters on arms control. I greatly value the advice and suggestions we receive from Ottawa. But, we must not forget who is impeding progress on arms controls, nor should we minimize differences between our democratic and their totalitarian system.
- I appreciate your coming to Washington to exchange views on bilateral and global issues. We need to continue our discussions in the future in just such a candid and friendly manner.

TALKING POINTS FOR PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH
CANADIAN OPPOSITION LEADER BRIAN MULRONEY

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-- WELCOME. SEEMS WE WILL BOTH BE INTERESTED IN SAME TOPIC IN COMING MONTHS--ELECTIONS.

-- CANADA IS A GOOD FRIEND, NEIGHBOR AND ALLY. I APPRECIATE YOUR PUBLIC STATEMENTS AFFIRMING IMPORTANCE OF CANADA AND U.S. HAVING SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP.

-- CANADA AND U.S. HAVE ESTABLISHED PATTERNS OF TRADE AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION THAT MAKE BOTH OUR NATIONS STRONGER AND MORE PROSPEROUS. WE WILL CONTINUE WORKING TO ELIMINATE IRRITATIONS IN OUR ECONOMIC TIES AND TO EXPAND TRADE.

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-- WE ARE READY AND WILLING TO TALK WITH SOVIETS ON ARMS REDUCTIONS WHENEVER THEY RETURN TO BARGAINING TABLE.

-- SOVIETS HAVE NOT BEEN RESPONSIVE. MAY HAVE TROUBLES IN DECISION-MAKING PROCESS WITH FREQUENT CHANGES OF LEADERSHIP. PRESENT TACTIC SEEMS TO BE TO STONEWALL US HOPING PUBLIC ANXIETIES WILL FORCE US TO MAKE CONCESSIONS.

-- WE HAVE TO BE PATIENT BUT FIRM IN MAINTAINING OUR DETERRENT AND UNITY WHILE MAKING IT CLEAR THAT WE WILL BE FLEXIBLE AND FORTHCOMING WHENEVER THEY ARE READY.

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-- APPRECIATE YOUR COMING TO WASHINGTON. WE NEED TO CONTINUE OUR DISCUSSIONS IN THE FUTURE IN JUST SUCH A CANDID AND FRIENDLY MANNER.

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The President
for _____ of _____ :
(NAME OF PERSON TO BE VISITED) (AGENCY)

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State

Carroll Brown, Dir/Office of Canadian Affairs
James Medas, Dep.Asst.Sec./Canada

Canada

- *Brian Mulroney, Leader of Progressive Conservative Party
- *Sinclair Stevens, Foreign Policy Advisor
- *Dr. J. Alfred Doucet, Chief of Staff
- William Fox, Press Secretary
- William Pristranski, Exec. Assistant
- Joan Peters, Tour Coordinator
- George Stratton, National Treasurer
- Jim Judd, First Secretary, Canadian Embassy

ONLY INDIVIDUALS MARKED WITH ASTERISK WILL BE
ATTENDING MEETING IN OVAL OFFICE WITH PRESIDENT.

MEETING LOCATION

Building _____	West Wing	Requested by _____	Tyrus Cobb
Room No. _____	Oval Office	361	5076
Time of Meeting _____	1:30 p.m.	Room No. _____	Telephone _____
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June 12, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Brian Mulroney's Appointment with the President

Attached is a briefing memorandum for the President's meeting with Brian Mulroney, Canada's Leader of the Opposition, June 21, 1:30 p.m.

Charles Hill

Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

Attachment:
Briefing Memorandum

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June 19, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. McFARLANE
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Canadian Opposition Leader's Call on the President,
Thursday, June 21, 1:30 p.m.

The following persons will accompany Canadian Opposition
Leader Brian Mulroney when he calls on the President this
Thursday, June 21:

The Honorable Sinclair Stevens, M.P., Progressive
Conservative, Critic for External Affairs
Fred Doucet, Mr. Mulroney's Chief of Staff.

From the State Department, we recommend:

Secretary Shultz
Assistant Secretary Richard Burt
Deputy Assistant Secretary James Medas

Attached is up-to-date biographic material on Mulroney
and Stevens.

B. Mulroney
Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

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Biographic material.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

June 15, 1984

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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)

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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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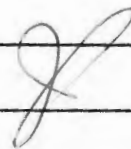
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~~W/CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT~~MEMORANDUM FOR CHARLES HILL
Executive Secretary
Department of StateSUBJECT: Memorandum of Conversation Between the
President and Canadian Progressive Conservative
Party Leader Brian MulroneyAttached is the memorandum of conversation from the President's
meeting with Brian Mulroney on June 21, 1984.*Robert M. Kimmitt*
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Meeting with Canadian Opposition Leader
Brian Mulroney (U)

PARTICIPANTS: The President
The Vice President
Secretary of State George P. Shultz
Robert C. McFarlane, Assistant to the
President for National Security Affairs
Assistant Secretary of State Richard Burt
James Medas, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State
Tyrus W. Cobb, NSC

Brian Mulroney, Leader of the Progressive
Conservative Party
Sinclair Stevens, Opposition Foreign Policy Critic
Fred Doucett, Chief of Staff to Mr. Mulroney

DATE, TIME June 21, 1984 -- 1:30-2:05 p.m.
AND PLACE: Oval Office

The President opened the meeting by extending a warm welcome to Mr. Mulroney. He noted that, although there are some annoyances between our two countries, they are not born of any hostility. They are, rather, the result of a difference of opinion on how we should address our problems. (U)

Brian Mulroney responded that he was very happy to be at the White House with a man he so admired. He pointed out that at the present time Canada has one Prime Minister on the way out, one Prime Minister on the way in, and this Irishman waiting to get in. He said that a year ago, when he became the leader of the Progressive Conservatives, he spelled out in a major speech the position of the Progressive Conservatives -- that the first priority on their agenda was for the new Government of Canada to reestablish trust in the relationship with their greatest ally, the United States of America. That one line, Mulroney said, got him elected leader. If Canadians want a choice, they know where we conservatives stand. He said he had been taking that message around Canada and it had been well received. (U)

The President said he was pleased to hear that, and added that the feeling was reciprocal. He repeated a remark he made recently, stressing that Canada is as good a friend, neighbor and ally as any nation could hope to have. He added that he felt that Canada and the U.S. had developed a special relationship of trust. The President

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went on to say that both he and Mulroneu will be interested in the same topic in the coming months -- elections. (U)

Mulroneu stated that Secretary Shultz had elevated the relationship to a new plateau. The four meetings a year were very important to Canada and were greatly appreciated. Mulroneu indicated that if he were an American, he would stress that 172 years had elapsed since a shot was fired in anger between our two countries. There has not been the slightest possibility of military conflict since. That was a message that should go around the world, especially to those who accuse the U.S. of harboring expansionist aims. (U)

Mulroneu said that during his meetings in Washington, he had numerous discussions on steel imports and acid rain. With respect to the question of acid rain, he said that he had a very attractive idea for the President. Mulroneu stated that sentiment in Canada was very strong on this issue. He pointed out that Canada was not perfect in the way it had handled the acid rain problem, but said that if the President agreed to reduce acid rain by 50% at the end of the decade, it would capture the imagination of the people in the United States and Canada. (C)

The President indicated strongly that we were moving forward on this problem afflicting many of our lakes. However, recent research had demonstrated that acid rain may not be the sole source of these problems and that we need to know a lot more before we invest \$100 billion in projects that might not alleviate the problem at all. The President noted that we have doubled our research dollars devoted to acid rain. The President discussed an article he had read recently which indicated that a layer of "mor humus" in the soil caused acidity in lakes equal to that of many years of acid rain. The rain filters through the humus, impregnating it with acid which then leaks into the rivers and streams. Even if we were to spend vast sums in order to eradicate the sources of rain, we might not change anything. The research is showing that some lakes in the vicinity of those that have high acidity have not died. The same is true with respect to many forests -- we have dead forests near growing forests. We simply need to do more serious research and we have decided to allocate more resources for that purpose. (C)

Mulroneu turned the conversation to the state of East-West affairs. He said that under his predecessor, the Canadian Government seldom gave Allies the benefit of the doubt. He stated that Canadians should realize that the U.S. was our friend, and when friends find themselves in difficulty, you give them the benefit of the doubt. He pointed out that this was the message he had carried throughout Canada on Grenada. (C)

Mulroneu noted that as a Progressive Conservative he understood our common differences with the Soviets. He said that he always agreed with the thrust of what Ronald Reagan said regarding the Soviets. He said the President's statement at his recent press conference, demonstrating a willingness to meet with the Soviets, has been taken as an encouraging sign in Canada. He asked if the U.S. had received any response from the Soviets. (C)

The President said that people don't remember that he has faced three leaders in the Soviet Union in four years, which contrasts with the stability of the Brezhnev period, from 1964 until his death. The President added that he wrote Brezhnev a handwritten letter when he, the President, was in the hospital after he had been shot. However, the President noted, it doesn't appear that Brezhnev himself received it. For example, the President mentioned a meeting they had ten years prior, but the reply completely ignored this comment. Following Brezhnev, Andropov took over, but he had been ill from the time he assumed the position of General Secretary. Now Chernenko was in power, at least theoretically, but we really have no firm idea as to who is really in charge. (C)

The President said we want peace, but we're not going to sacrifice basic principles to get them back to the negotiating table. He further added that he felt that following the election, if he remained in office, there was a good possibility that meetings would be held. He said he assumed the Soviets were reluctant to do anything that might aid his reelection. The President referred to two articles that recently appeared in the Washington Times which juxtaposed William Rusher, a conservative, and Morton Kondracke, a liberal. Both defended Ronald Reagan against the charge that the U.S.-Soviet relationship was worse than ever and indicated that ties were much colder in the past. The President stated that renewed U.S. military strength made things safer, not more dangerous. He noted Brezhnev's comment about detente, to the effect that the Soviet Union liked it since it was accompanied by a decline in our military capability. Still, he concluded, it was time for the lion and the lamb to lie down together. (C)

Mulroney said that as leader of the Canadian opposition, he felt the President's programs represented an excellent approach to Soviet-American relations. He said those who failed to distinguish between the two superpowers or acted as if they were morally similar were just wrong. Mulroney added that his Party wants to be involved intimately with "the ideas the President has so clearly articulated," and stated that he did not mind if people criticized him for that. Mulroney indicated that if there were any prospect for peace, however minimal, we in the West should go the extra mile. He said any such positive signal to the allies would be greatly appreciated. Mulroney concluded that we would be taking such a step from a position of strength -- economically and militarily. (C)

The President pointed out that he was not sure the answers to his letters really came from Chernenko. He said Gromyko was the leading in-house hawk, and added that it was clear the Foreign Minister was not checking with Chernenko before he (Gromyko) spoke out. He said that we are prepared to talk, even if the Soviets refuse to return to the two negotiations that were interrupted. He said they withdrew but we have left the door open. The President pointed out that we are not sitting here silently, nor are we telling the Soviets that we would

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only meet them at the two suspended negotiations. When Mulroney asked if the ball were in the Soviets' court, the President said he thought it was and added that we have a glove on and are ready to play. (e)

Mulroney stated that as with Canada, Mexico has enjoyed a special relationship with the United States despite some irritations. He added that with Secretary Shultz at State, Canada is getting the hearing they are entitled to. He indicated that there is nothing more important to Canada than the U.S., Canada's most important trading partner. (e)

The President said we have some problems with the present Administration in Canada, particularly in the area of trade and investment policy. He added that when he first came to office he said that our borders with Canada and Mexico should be meeting places, not boundaries. He noted that his first foreign visit was to Canada, but thought that a trilateral meeting with Mexico included was a good idea. He said that the former President of Mexico favored having only a bilateral relationship with the United States, but that the current President indicated that he thought all three should meet occasionally. The President indicated he would like to see all of the Americas together. We worship the same God, we came here together, there are two languages in South America and in Canada, and it appears that we are now becoming more bilingual. We have so much in common, the President added, that we could implement a truly good neighbor policy that would be a positive example for the rest of the world. (c)

Mulroney asked if there had been any improvement in Central America in the last year to eighteen months. Secretary Shultz said that things have improved. There is now an elected President in El Salvador. The Secretary mentioned the fact that Canada had sent observers, along with our own and those of more than 40 other countries, who testified that it had been a fair election. The Secretary added that it appeared that Nicaragua was rapidly becoming a totalitarian state, but that for appearances sake they now felt compelled to say they would have elections. Secretary Shultz said the thrust of that movement was very strong. He said the Soviet Union is pouring massive amounts of arms into the area and that we have evidence to support our contention. He noted that we should not be misled, that there is a cancer in the region and it is Nicaragua. He also stressed that Nicaragua's political system has its roots in the Soviet model. Still, the Secretary said, his trip to Nicaragua produced interesting results. It is important to note that immediately after their session, Ortega flew to the Soviet Union to receive further guidance. (s)

Mulroney noted the importance of the U.S. rescue operation in Grenada and the documentation which had uncovered the presence of many Bulgarians, East Germans, North Koreans, and so forth. He said he had used that information in his speeches before the Commons. He noted that the U.S. had caught them in the act, and noted that they were not down there getting suntans. He asked what other leaders say when we confront them with that fact. (e)

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Secretary Shultz noted that on the day of the Grenada rescue mission, the President had sent him to a joint meeting of the Senate and the House. He noted that he took a terrific beating. He said he really earned his salary that day. He said that in talking to Majority Leader Baker the next day, he was told that the situation was already different and that the members of Congress had heard from the folks back home. The American people had a completely different reaction from the members of Congress. (C)

The President said our liberal press had jumped out front on this issue, and it was interesting to see them pull back. It was quite remarkable. The President noted that we had put the armaments we had captured in Grenada on display at Andrews Air Force Base. The display received little mention on television, and there was no curiosity by the press about the documents we had discovered. The President said he had a letter from a man and woman who had gone to Grenada. They were struck by the beauty of the place, and when the people of Grenada heard the visitors were American, they couldn't do enough for them. The visitors were told stories of what had taken place before the U.S. rescue, when the people had been prisoners in their own homes. The visitors talked to U.S. soldiers (non-combatants) who said they were loved by the people of Grenada. The President also noted that the walls of the Cuban Embassy had been filled with guns and ammunition. (C)

Mulroney said that it was a good lesson for him when he first entered Parliament on December 12, 1983. His first question to the Prime Minister was in regard to the KAL shootdown by the Soviets. He said that at first the Canadian Government had called it an act of murder, but that two weeks later he (the PM) decided it was an accident. Mulroney said that the Progressive Conservatives have said it was not an accident, that it was a willful act of murder. He added that they took a lot of flak from the Canadian press, and pointed out that we have to talk to the people directly -- not through the press -- in order to strengthen our resolve. (U)

The President said that we had invited 400 medical students who had been rescued to the South Lawn, along with 40 service personnel. Both groups were about the same age. The medical students said that prior to the Grenada situation, they had a poor impression of people in uniform, but now they kept talking about how these people had saved their lives, how the kids in uniform had put themselves between the students and the incoming fire, allowing the students to get to the helicopters. (U)

In concluding, the President thanked Mulroney for visiting with him. The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m. (U)

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MEMORANDUM

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June 27, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

SIGNED

FROM: TYRUS W. COBB *TWC*

SUBJECT: Memorandum of Conversation Between the President and Canadian Progressive Conservative Party Leader Brian Mulroney

Attached at Tab A is the memcon from the President's June 21, 1984 meeting with Brian Mulroney.

RECOMMENDATION

Following your review of the memcon, that you authorize Bob Kimmitt to forward it to State by memo (Tab I).

Approve *[Signature]*

Disapprove _____

Attachment

- Tab I - Kimmitt to Hill Memo
- Tab A - Memcon

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August 8, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CHARLES HILL
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Possible Meeting Between President and Canadian
Prime Minister Turner

This responds to your memo (S/S 8421905) concerning the possibility of the President meeting with Canadian Prime Minister Turner during August.

The President's schedule will not permit a meeting with Prime Minister Turner during the first half of August. With regard to the latter part of August, we agree with your suggestion that a meeting too close to the Canadian election would not be appropriate.

Robert M. Kimmitt
Robert M. Kimmitt
Executive Secretary

MEMORANDUM

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August 6, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT M. KIMMITT

FROM: PETER R. SOMMER *PRS*SUBJECT: Possible Meeting Between President and Canadian
Prime Minister TurnerRECOMMENDATION:

Pursuant to our conversation that you sign the Tab I memo to Hill.

Approve K Disapprove Bill Martin *WMA* concurs.*cc: Ty Cobb*

Attachments

Tab I Memo to Hill
Tab II State's Recommendation



dlb 11/24/87

August 3, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Possible Meeting Between President and Canadian
Prime Minister Turner in August

The Canadian Embassy has just informed us that Prime Minister Turner would welcome a brief meeting in Vancouver in August with the President at a ceremony marking the recent signing of the Ross Dam Treaty. Turner has proposed that such a meeting take place either during August 11-12 or during August 25-27.

After the President called Turner on June 18 to congratulate him on his selection as Liberal Party Leader (and thus Trudeau's successor as Prime Minister), Turner referred publicly to the President's hope that the two of them could meet as soon as possible.

You will recall that our proposal for a July 17 Reagan-Turner-Queen Elizabeth II meeting commemorating the St. Lawrence Seaway's 25th anniversary did not work out.

With the Canadian national elections scheduled for September 4, a meeting just a week before -- particularly in the very city where Turner is running for a Parliamentary seat -- might raise the issue of US involvement in Canadian politics, and could well have some impact on what is expected to be a close race. However, the earlier August dates might be less controversial and could fit in well with the President's departure from his stay in California. Additionally, we could propose a Seattle venue instead of Vancouver.

It should also be noted that the President has already met with Turner's Progressive Conservative opponent, Brian Mulroney, during the latter's visit here June 21.

We would appreciate a reaction to the Canadian proposal.

Charles Hill
Charles Hill
Executive Secretary