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November 21, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROBERT C. McFARLANE THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Next Meeting Between the President and Canadian Prime Minister Mulroney

One of Prime Minister Mulroney's senior advisors has approached our Embassy in Ottawa concerning a Presidential visit to Canada. The Prime Minister suggests March 10-20 as a possible time frame, with Quebec City as venue. The character of the visit -- whether informal, official, or State -- would be up to the President.

We recommend that this invitation be accepted, for the following reasons: (a) it would give added impetus to the excellent start the two leaders have enjoyed in their relationship; (b) it would be consistent with the commitment jointly made in September to meet once a year; (c) it could be done in a short time frame -- as brief as 24 hours, and (d) it would restore balance in the hosting of these meetings (since the President's February 1981 trip to Ottawa, the Canadian Prime Minister has been to Washington three times -- not including Mulroney's visit last June as Opposition Leader).

Charles Hill Executive Secretary

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Dept. of State Guidelines, July 21, 1997

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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November 25, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR ROBERT C. McFARLANE

FROM:

TYRUS W. COBB WE

SUBJECT:

Possible Presidential Trip to Canada

State has sent us a Canadian suggestion for a Reagan-Mulroney meeting to take place in Canada, preferably Quebec City, in mid-March. This is an excellent recommendation.

- -- As State notes, the visit would continue the commitment both leaders made to annual meetings, could be done in a short time (even one day), and would redress the uneven balance in visits (their PM's have come to Washington for the last three visits).
- -- President Reagan will probably meet here with all of his economic summit counterparts, except Mitterrand, prior to the Bonn meeting, and we certainly would come under heavy Canadian pressure for a visit here, if not in Canada.
- -- PM Mulroney and the President have an excellent personal chemistry that would virtually guarantee a successful visit and Quebec City would offer a panoramic scene-setter.

Bill Martin concurs.

RECOMMENDATION

That you endorse the concept of a Reagan visit to Canada in March and approve the Schedule Proposal at Tab I.

Approve fcm

Disapprove ____

Attachment

Tab I

Schedule Proposal

Tab B - State's Incoming Memo

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON .

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

November 30, 1984

TO:

FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR., Director of Presidential Appointments of Scheduling

FROM:

ROBERT M. KIMMITT Bob

REQUEST:

Presidential Trip to Quebec City, Canada

PURPOSE:

Canada has suggested that President Reagan meet with Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, preferably in Quebec City, in mid-March. The visit would continue the commitment both leaders made to annual meetings, could be done in a short time (even one day), and would redress the uneven

balance in visits (their PM's have come to Washington for the last three visits).

BACKGROUND:

The President will probably meet here with all of his economic summit counterparts, except Mitterrand, prior to the Bonn meeting, and we certainly would come under heavy Canadian pressure for a visit here, if not in Canada. Prime Minister Mulroney and the President have an excellent personal chemistry that would virtually guarantee a successful visit, and Quebec City would offer a

panoramic scene-setter.

PREVIOUS

PARTICIPATION:

June 1984 Meeting as Opposition Leader; September 1984 Meeting with the President in Oval Office.

DATE AND TIME:

Mid-March -- time to be determined

DURATION: To be determined

LOCATION:

Quebec City, Canada

PARTICIPANTS:

The President; Secretary of State George P.

Shultz; Robert C. McFarlane

OUTLINE OF EVENTS:

One-day meeting in Quebec City

REMARKS REQUIRED:

To be determined

MEDIA COVERAGE:

Full media coverage

PROPOSED "PHOTO":

To be determined

RECOMMENDED BY:

State and NSC

OPPOSED BY:

None