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*Dear Mr. Powell,*

Thank you very much for arranging for our Premier, the Hon. David Peterson, to meet the Prime Minister. The Premier was very pleased with the meeting and we greatly appreciated your co-operation in this matter.

If I can be of any assistance in providing information as you plan for the June Summit in Toronto, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

*Tom Wells.*

Thomas L. Wells  
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PRIME MINISTER

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MEETING WITH THE PREMIER OF ONTARIO

You are to see the Premier of Ontario briefly on Wednesday. It is only a courtesy call: he will be host to the Economic Summit in Toronto.

Mr. Peterson is young and a millionaire. He has built up a strong position for the Liberals in Ontario and has ambitions to move on to Federal politics.

The purpose of his visit is to open the new Ontario House in Knightsbridge and to drum up more British investment in his province (we are already substantial investors). He will also visit Canary Wharf into which an Ontario Property Company is putting £1 billion.

You will want to ask Mr. Peterson how he sees the economic outlook for Ontario (which provides half of Canada's GNP, although half its manufacturing sector is US-owned). You could mention our dissatisfaction at the discriminatory practices by Canadian provincial liquor boards - including Ontario's - whose high duties hurt our whisky exports. You could say a word about the Economic Summit.

Mr. Peterson has asked you to address a breakfast meeting of businessmen during the Summit. We have said that you cannot do this (you will need the time for bilaterals), but have already accepted an invitation from Mr. Conrad Black to address a dinner.

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