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*From the Private Secretary*

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**ANKARA UNDERGROUND RAILWAY PROJECT**

I enclose a copy of a letter I have received from the Canadian High Commissioner about the Ankara underground railway project. I should be grateful if you could arrange for me to be kept up-to-date on progress.

I am copying this letter and enclosure to Eamonn Taylor (Overseas Development Administration) and Andrew Walker (Office of the Minister for Trade, Department of Trade and Industry).

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Dear Mr. Powell,

I am writing about the Ankara underground railway project about which I believe Mr. Stanley Hartt, Chief of Staff to Prime Minister Mulroney, spoke to you at the time of the Houston Summit. The Montreal engineering firm, Lavalin Incorporated, is the prime contractor for the project, but an important partner is the British firm Hawker-Siddeley. As well as private financing the project will require the assistance of public authorities in Canada and in the United Kingdom both by way of export credit and by concessional financing in the form of official development assistance.

Over the past weeks I and my colleagues in Ottawa have had conversations with two members of the ministry: The Rt. Hon. Lynda Chalker and The Rt. Hon. Lord Trefgarne. We understand that a decision is imminent this week and I take the precaution of sending to you a copy of the letter which I sent to The Rt. Hon. Tim Sainsbury yesterday, who has just become Lord Trefgarne's successor. We were concerned that in the process of changing ministers the decision not be lost. If there is anything that we at the High Commission can do to facilitate a favourable decision, we stand ready to help.

Yours sincerely,

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