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*Dear Noël,*

Mr Trudeau asked us to a farewell luncheon at 24 Sussex on Monday, which was I think kind of him as he is obviously very busy preparing for the summit and his earlier visit to France and winding up as Prime Minister. The others present were Jean-Luc Pepin, the Chief Justice (Brian Dickson), Wendy Porteus (an intelligent Assistant Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Labour), Daniel Molgat and Pierre Pettigraw.

2. This was a purely social occasion and we did not talk business. Trudeau said that he would be making an off-the-cuff speech at the Sorbonne, the theme of which would be that the French - and particularly French intellectuals - ought to look at Canada as a whole and not simply at Quebec.

3. Although this was given for us, the discussion - led by Trudeau and Pepin - was almost entirely about French Canada, French Canadian the Jesuits, the Oblates and their respective methods of education, etc. It reminded us once more what a different world even Federal French Canadians inhabit, and how they still feel themselves an embattled minority. Trudeau said to Shirley that his Jesuit upbringing had stamped him for life, and is sending his boys to be brought up by them in the same way. Pepin, as always, was lively and entertaining, Trudeau his musing, reflective self. A great many Latin quotations flew about. Brian Dickson held his own with no difficulty. Two of the Trudeau boys came in briefly to greet the company, the younger one making a dashing entry and somersaulting out.

4. Pepin mentioned the Supreme Court judgement on Churchill Falls. Brian Dickson said that it was based entirely on contract, but seemed to us defensive and a little uneasy about it. He said (rightly) that it was incomprehensible that the contract contained no provision for review or scaling up of prices.

5. Trudeau was critical of Richard Gwyn (the columnist and his biographer) - I suspect because Gwyn and his wife recently wrote a long article about the peace initiative, saying that it had been

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dead by Reagan in December. (This was the one that quoted Mrs Thatcher as telling Trudeau in December that in Hiroshima the grass was growing a year after the atomic bomb was used there. Mr Trudeau's entourage tell us that she did say that: I wasn't there so cannot confirm it and don't know the context).

*Yours ever,*

*John.*

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