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APPOINTMENT OF FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS OFFICER
IN WASHINGTON

In my letter (CFX-1447) of December 10, 1987, I informed your office that a confirmed decision had been made to assign an officer to our Embassy in Washington who would work full-time on federal-provincial affairs, giving particular attention to the interests of the provinces in the U.S. capital.

I am now pleased to notify you that the incumbent of the Embassy position will be Gail Tyerman, who is at present completing an assignment to the Ministry of Intergovernmental Affairs of Ontario. She has also had foreign postings to Zambia and the United Nations.-

It is important that Ms Tyerman have first-hand contact with all the provincial governments, and I therefore propose that she pay you a visit in September. We will be in touch with you about her travel schedule. We should be most grateful for your cooperation in arranging for her to meet with provincial government officials and members of other key organizations actively interested in establishing or further developing contacts in Washington.

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As you are aware, we have, in the course of the last year or so, been seeking to strengthen communications between provincial governments and our Embassy in Washington. We have, for example, proposed the establishment of a secure communications system, now being actively considered by at least one province, and encouraged more frequent and regular consultations between officials of this department, the Washington Embassy and provincial ministries (or their equivalents) of intergovernmental affairs. In addition we have worked in concert with the Embassy and the United States Branch of External Affairs to increase both the Embassy's awareness of provincial interests and its ability to respond to provincial needs and requests.