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cc FCO

From the Private Secretary

23 October 1997

The Prime Minister was very grateful for your Prime Minister's kind invitation to attend the Gala Reception to open the Exhibition of works of art from Trinidad and Tobago on 28 October.

Unfortunately, the Prime Minister is unable to attend the reception. Nevertheless, he very much looks forward to meeting your Prime Minister at the forthcoming Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Edinburgh.

**PHILIP BARTON**

Her Excellency Mrs. Sheelagh M. De Osuna

*for the record*



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*GRs - pls attach pps + mem into  
PS letter to the HR HCr.*

23 October 1997

*Philip*

*Dear Philip,*

Letter from the Prime Minister of Trinidad & Tobago

... I attach a draft reply to Prime Minister Panday of Trinidad & Tobago for the Prime Minister's signature as requested in your letter of 13 October.

Unfortunately neither the Foreign Secretary, nor any other FCO Minister, is able to attend the Gala Reception. We also explored the possibility of a Minister from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport attending, but without success. We have, therefore, regrettably drawn a blank on Ministerial attendance.

*yours ever,*

*Dominick*

(Dominick Chilcott)  
Private Secretary

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DRAFT LETTER FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO:

date 23/10

The Hon. Basdeo Panday  
Prime Minister  
Republic of Trinidad & Tobago

The PM was very grateful for your PM's kind

~~Thank you very much for your letter of 30 September inviting~~  
~~me to attend your~~ Gala Reception to open the Exhibition of  
works of art from Trinidad & Tobago on 28 October 1997.

Unfortunately, <sup>he PM is</sup> I am unable to attend the reception, <sup>Nevertheless, he</sup> but very  
much look forward to meeting <sup>you PM</sup> you at the forthcoming  
Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Edinburgh.

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