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Prime Minister's visit to Australia

August 1988

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Mrs J Greenwood, Security Dept (4M 503)

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA: 30 JULY - 8 AUGUST

1. I should be grateful if you would provide a suite of 3 green safehand boxes for the Prime Minister's visit to Australia from 30 July to 8 August.
2. Would you please send the boxes, marked "For RAF VC10 - Prime Minister's visit to Australia" to Security Room W1 no later than Friday 29 July. They will then go in the FCO van to LHR (Southside).
3. Please send me all the keys no later than Wednesday 27 July.

S M Waghorn (Miss)  
Protocol Department  
210 6373

30 June 1988

cc: Mr S Papworth, Room 1 DSW  
~~Duty Clerk, No 10 Downing Street~~  
~~Mr Harris/Mrs Morris~~



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TO DESKBY 292230Z CANBERRA  
TELNO 382  
OF 291700Z JUNE 88

FROM SPD  
YOUR TELNOS 494 AND 501: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT  
1. PS/NO 10 HAS MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON YOUR TURS:  
A CANBERRA TIMETABLE  
WE SHOULD SETTLE FOR A MEETING WITH THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION  
AFTER THE CALL ON MR HAWKE. THUS THE PRIME MINISTER WILL BE  
ABLE TO COMPLETE WORK ON HER NATIONAL PRESS CLUB SPEECH EARLY IN  
THE MORNING BEFORE SHE SETS OFF FOR HER MEETINGS WITH MR HAWKE  
AND MR HOWARD.

B SYDNEY  
THE PROPOSAL FOR A VISIT TO HMAS WATSON IS AN IMAGINATIVE ONE AND  
WOULD BE WELCOME TO THE PRIME MINISTER ALTHOUGH WE WOULD PREFER  
NOT TO PURSUE THE FURTHER VISITS TO DARLING HARBOUR AND THE  
POWERHOUSE MUSUEM.

C MELBOURNE  
PS/NO 10 AGREES THAT YOU SHOULD NOT GIVE A RECEPTION AND THAT  
A VISIT TO THE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL RESEARCH SHOULD BE  
SUBSTITUTED

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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29 June 1988

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Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's visit to Australia: meeting with  
the Opposition

With reference to my letter of ~~28~~ <sup>FIG WITH TG</sup> June, Canberra telegram no 494 (copy attached) now recommends that the Prime Minister's meeting with Mr Howard on 3 August takes place immediately after her call on Mr Hawke.

Although such an arrangement would reduce the preparation time for the National Press Club speech to 30 minutes, we consider this timetable to be much more satisfactory than the previous version which envisaged a breakfast meeting with Mr Howard.

If you agree, we will instruct Canberra accordingly.

Yours ever,

(A C Galsworthy)  
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq  
10 Downing Street

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TO IMMEDIATE FCO  
TELNO 494  
OF 290200Z JUNE 88

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MY TELNO 490: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: CANBERRA MEETINGS

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5. GRATEFUL FOR INSTRUCTIONS.

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*From the Private Secretary*

29 June 1988

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA

The telegrams from Canberra rain in faster even than I can write letters about them. Since my letter of earlier this morning, I have received telegram numbers 494, 495 and 501.

Telegram 494 in fact deals quite neatly with my point about the timing of the meeting with the Leader of the Opposition and I think we should now settle for this. The Prime Minister will be able to complete work on her National Press Club speech early in the morning before she sets off for her meetings with Mr. Hawke and Mr. Howard.

I will consult the Special Branch on the point about protected cars in telegram number 495.

As regards telegram number 501, I think the proposal for a visit to HMAS Watson is an imaginative one and would be welcome to the Prime Minister although I would prefer not to pursue the further visits to Darling Harbour and the Power House Museum. I agree that the High Commissioner should not give a reception in Melbourne and that a visit to the Institute of Medical Research should be substituted.

*BN*  
I should like if possible to have a complete revised programme to show to the Prime Minister this weekend so that she can start planning clothes and so on.

(C. D. POWELL)

R. N. Peirce, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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*From the Private Secretary*

29 June 1988

*Dear Bob,*

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA

On return from Hanover I have seen two further telegrams about the Prime Minister's programme in Australia on which you may find it helpful to have comments:

- Canberra telegram 474 deals with the lunch which the Prime Minister is to host in Sydney. The suggestions made as to how the lunch should be organised and the list of invitees both look admirable;
- Canberra telegram 490 deals with the Prime Minister's meetings in Canberra itself. I wonder if it is right for the Prime Minister to see the leader of the opposition before her meeting with the Australian Prime Minister. It is certainly a sequence which we try to avoid in the case of similar visits in this country. I am also worried by the early start: if it is a day when the Prime Minister also has the hairdresser it will mean beginning the day very early after a heavy programme the day before. I do not have any ready solution for this but wonder whether we cannot look at the timings again to see if there is some way in which the meeting with Mr. Howard could be put in after the meeting with Mr. Hawke. For instance, if the meeting with Mr. Hawke ended at 1045, the Prime Minister could then see Mr. Howard from 1045-1130 before going straight on to the Press Club (if the speech is not finished by then it never will be!).

*Yours sincerely,  
Chris Powell*

(C. D. POWELL)

R. N. Peirce, Esq.,  
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FM CANBERRA  
TO DESKBY 290800Z FCO  
TELNO 501  
OF 290645Z JUNE 88

MY TELNO 458: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT

1. SYDNEY. WE HAVE GIVEN THOUGHT TO AN EVENT ON 4 AUGUST WHICH WOULD EMPHASISE BRITISH/AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE COOPERATION. I ASKED GENERAL GRATION, THE CHIEF OF THE DEFENCE FORCE, FOR HIS VIEWS AND HE SUGGESTED A VISIT TO HMAS WATSON, THE OPERATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE FOR THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY SITUATED AT THE ENTRANCE TO SYDNEY HARBOUR. THE EVENT WOULD INCLUDE A DEMONSTRATION OF A FERRANTI SUBMARINE COMMAND TEAM TRAINER, A VISIT TO THE NAVY'S SPLENDIDLY SITUATED CHAPEL, WHICH CONTAINS NOTABLE ITEMS FROM BRITISH CATHEDRALS AND NAVAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND A SHORT ENCOUNTER WITH SIX ROYAL NAVY PERSONNEL SERVING IN THE SYDNEY AREA.

2. THE MAIN ITEM OF INTEREST AT THE NEW SUBMARINE WARFARE SYSTEMS CENTRE IS FERRANTI'S HIGH-TEC PERISCOPE VISUAL SYSTEM WHICH SIMULATES SUBMARINE ATTACKS. 35 PER CENT OF THE EQUIPMENT IN THE CENTRE IS FERRANTI (THE REST IS OTHER BRITISH, AMERICAN, WEST GERMAN ETC) AND THERE ARE FERRANTI TECHNICIANS FROM THE UK WORKING ON THE PROJECT. THE NEW CENTRE WILL NOT BE COMPLETELY FINISHED BY EARLY AUGUST BUT THE PERISCOPE AND AN AMENDED VERSION OF THE VISUAL SYSTEM WILL BE IN PLACE, THUS ENABLING THE PRIME MINISTER TO TAKE PART IN A SIMULATION DEMONSTRATION.

3. THE EFFECT OF A 45 MINUTE VISIT TO HMAS WATSON ON THE SYDNEY PROGRAMME WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS:

1430 PRIME MINISTER DEPARTS LUNCH FOR BUSINESSMEN  
1440 DEPART BY BOAT FOR WATSON'S BAY  
1505 ARRIVE WATSON'S BAY  
1510-  
1555 VISIT HMAS WATSON  
1600 DEPART WATSON'S BAY (EITHER BY BOAT OR CAR)

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1630-  
1735 VISIT TO DARLING HARBOUR, INCLUDING VISIT TO VIRGIN  
MEGASTORE, AND POWERHOUSE MUSEUM.

1745 ARRIVE HOTEL

IF THE LATER ARRIVAL AT THE HOTEL IS UNACCEPTABLE, WE CAN PRUNE  
THE VISITS TO DARLING HARBOUR AND THE POWERHOUSE MUSEUM.

4. MELBOURNE. AS I AM NOW NOT GIVING RECEPTIONS IN CANBERRA  
AND SYDNEY, I WOULD PREFER NOT TO GIVE ONE IN MELBOURNE. I PROPOSE,  
THEREFORE, TO DROP THE RECEPTION AND RECOMMEND, IN ITS PLACE,  
A VISIT TO THE WALTER AND ELIZA HALL INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL RESEARCH.

5. THE INSTITUTE HAS, I BELIEVE, DONE PARTICULARLY SUCCESSFUL  
RESEARCH WORK IN VIROLOGY AND IMMUNOLOGY, AND IS REGARDED AS ONE  
OF THE MOST IMPORTANT MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS IN AUSTRALIA, IF NOT  
THE MOST IMPORTANT. ITS CURRENT MAJOR PROJECTS ARE TO FIND A  
VACCINE AGAINST MALARIA AND CANCER RESEARCH. IT IS PARTLY FUNDED  
BY THE NATIONAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL, THE REMAINING  
FUNDS BEING RAISED PRIVATELY. IT IS SAID TO HAVE GOOD RELATIONS  
WITH OUR NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL RESEARCH. I PROPOSE THAT THE  
PRIME MINISTER SPENDS 40 MINUTES THERE, INCLUDING A DISCUSSION WITH  
THE DIRECTOR, SIR GUSTAV NOSSAL, AND SOME STAFF ON CURRENT RESEARCH.  
THE EFFECT ON THE PROGRAMME WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS:

1705 END WALKABOUT  
1715-1755 VISIT INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL RESEARCH  
1815 ARRIVE HILTON HOTEL.

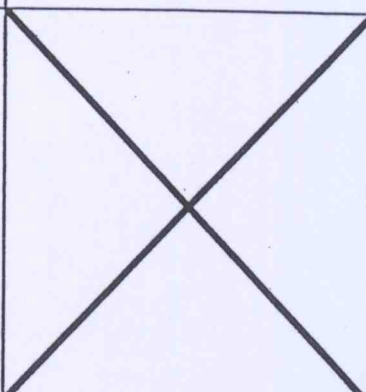
6. I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR REPLIES TO BOTH RECOMMENDATIONS  
DESKBY 302230Z IF POSSIBLE, IN ORDER THAT WE CAN HAVE A REVISED  
DRAFT PROGRAMME READY FOR THE RECCE VISIT NEXT WEEK.

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*R. Smith*

June 28, 1988

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Dear Charles,

I am forwarding for your information a brochure that I have just received on Australia's new Parliament House. I thought Mrs Thatcher might like to peruse it before she goes to Australia.

*In attached folder*

Warmest best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

*Douglas McClelland*

(Douglas McClelland)

*P.S. Looking forward to seeing you on the 21st July.*

Mr C.D. Powell  
Private Secretary (Overseas Affairs)  
Prime Minister's Office  
10 Downing Street  
LONDON SW1A 2AA

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London SW1A 2AH

28 June 1988



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Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Visit to Australia: Meetings in Canberra

You may have seen Canberra telegram no 490 (copy enclosed) with the latest proposed timings for the morning of 3 August in Canberra.

This timetable has the Prime Minister meeting the Leader of the Opposition before she sees Mr Hawke. The Foreign Secretary saw Mr Howard first during his own visit to Australia; the press tried to make something of this, and Mr Hawke also mentioned the point even though there was a very good reason for it (the Foreign Secretary went to Sydney before Canberra, and Mr Howard was staying in Sydney at the time). The Foreign Secretary does not think that this should rule out the timetable now proposed for the Prime Minister, but he thinks that it should first be firmly established that the Australians themselves are content. The press may still try a little mischief, but that should be tolerable if there is no sensitivity on the part of the hosts.

I should be grateful for your views both on the timing of Mr Howard's call and Mr Coles' suggestion that it should take place over coffee rather than a working breakfast.

Yours ever,  
*(Signature)*

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(R N Peirce)  
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq  
10 Downing Street

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TO IMMEDIATE FCO  
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YOUR TELNO 370: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT - CANBERRA MEETINGS

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2. WE THEREFORE PROPOSE REVISED TIMINGS FOR 3 AUGUST UP TO 1200 AS FOLLOWS:

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0930-1100	MEETING WITH MR HAWKE
1110	ARRIVE RESIDENCE
1150	DEPART RESIDENCE FOR NATIONAL PRESS CLUB

3. I ENVISAGE MR HOWARD'S CALL AT 0800 TAKING PLACE OVER COFFEE BUT NOT, UNLESS NO.10 SPECIFICALLY WANT IT, A WORKING BREAKFAST.

4. WE SHALL PROCEED WITH THE ABOVE ARRANGEMENTS UNLESS WE HERE FROM YOU TO THE CONTRARY BY CLOSE OF PLAY 30 JUNE.

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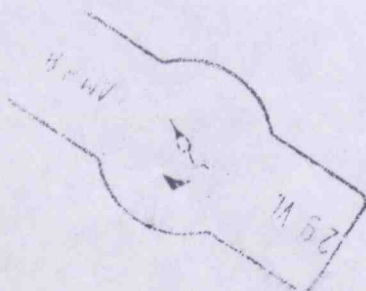
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## PRIME MINISTER

FOR MEDIA

28 JUNE 1988

The Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, will be visiting Australia as a guest of the Government for the Bicentenary from 1 to 6 August. Mrs Thatcher will be having official discussions in Canberra, and visiting Perth, Melbourne and Sydney and Expo 88 for the British National Day.

Mrs Thatcher's visit, in this Bicentennial year, will serve to underline the warmth and friendliness of the relations between Britain and Australia and to remind us of the enormous contribution to our country made by people from Britain since the beginning of European settlement.

The British gave us, most importantly, our language and the basis for the institutions of our free society: parliamentary democracy, the law, and our system of liberal education. Australian traditions and values strongly reflect our British origins.

The British influence has helped make Australia a country which has attracted other peoples from all over the world, and people from Britain continue to make a major contribution as valued immigrants.

I am delighted that the British Prime Minister is able to visit in the year we commemorate two hundred years of Australian achievement.



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cc Sir K

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*From the Private Secretary*

28 June 1988

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA: TALKS  
WITH THE OPPOSITION

Thank you for your letter of 27 June proposing the speeches at the dinner in Sydney be limited to a maximum of five minutes. This seems an excellent idea.

CHARLES POWELL

Bob Peirce, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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M I P T: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA: LUNCH IN SYDNEY

1. CHAIRMEN OF TOP TEN AUSTRALIAN COMPANIES (IN ORDER OF SIZE OF CAPITALISATION):

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA: LUNCH IN SYDNEY

1. I RECOMMEND THAT THE LUNCH WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER HAS AGREED TO HOST IN SYDNEY ON THURSDAY 4 AUGUST FOR LEADING AUSTRALIAN BUSINESSMEN SHOULD BE IN A PRIVATE ROOM AT THE INTER-CONTINENTAL HOTEL AND RESTRICTED TO 24 PEOPLE. IF THE GROUP WERE ANY LARGER, THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY IN TALKING TO ALL OF THOSE INVITED.

2. THE OBJECT OF THE LUNCH MIGHT BE FOR THE PRIME MINISTER TO DESCRIBE TO THE BUSINESSMEN THE CURRENT STATE OF THE BRITISH ECONOMY AND THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR AUSTRALIAN COMPANIES IN THE BRITAIN AND EUROPE OF 1992: AND TO ENABLE HER TO HEAR THEIR VIEWS ON THE FUTURE OF AUSTRALIA AND ITS RELEVANCE TO BRITISH COMMERCIAL INTERESTS.

3. MIFT CONTAINS A LIST OF 18 SUGGESTED NAMES (AND RESERVES). I HAVE INCLUDED THE CHAIRMEN OF THE TOP TEN AUSTRALIAN COMPANIES (BY CAPITALISATION), THREE OTHER CHAIRMEN WHOSE COMPANIES EITHER BUY SUBSTANTIALLY FROM THE UK AND/OR HAVE SUBSIDIARIES IN IT, FOUR BUSINESSMEN WITH BRITISH CONNEXTIONS AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE FOREMOST AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS ORGANISATION. I WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR APPROVAL OF THE LIST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (COULD THE RECONNAISSANCE PARTY PLEASE BRING WITH THEM 40 INVITATION CARDS IN THE NAME OF THE PRIME MINISTER ?).

4. I SUGGEST THAT THE BEST WAY TO ORGANISE THE LUNCH WOULD BE TO HAVE TWO TABLES OF 12, WITH THE PRIME MINISTER HOSTING ONE AND MR THATCHER THE OTHER, AND CHANGING PLACES AFTER THE MAIN COURSE.

5. ON OUR SIDE, I SUGGEST THAT THE LUNCH IS ATTENDED BY ME, THE PPS OR PS, THE CONSUL-GENERAL IN SYDNEY AND MY COUNSELLOR (ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL), THE LAST TWO BECAUSE THEY ARE FAMILIAR WITH THOSE INVITED AND WITH THE TRADE RELATIONSHIP.

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YOUR TELNO 361: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA: SYDNEY

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27 June 1988

Dear Charles <sup>or,</sup>

Prime Minister's Visit to Australia:  
Contacts with the Opposition

In your letter of 23 June <sup>day</sup> you agreed to the dinner offered by Mr Greiner in Sydney but questioned the length of speech required. You will have now seen Mr Coles' telno 479 (copy attached), in which he proposes that, in order to deter the Premier from making a lengthy political speech, he should seek agreement to limit speeches to a maximum of five minutes.

This seems to us to be good advice. If the Prime Minister agrees, we shall so instruct Canberra.

Yours ever

(R N Peirce)  
Private Secretary

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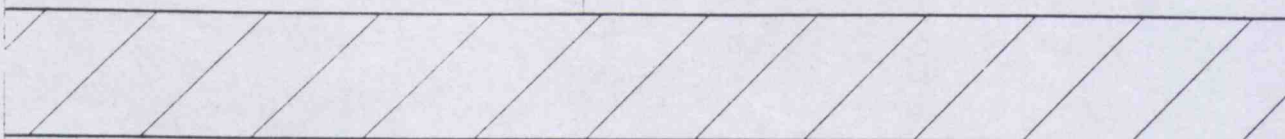
1. Following for High Commissioner from Charles Powell.

2. Alistair MacAlpine has now sent in the list of prominent businessmen whom he suggests the Prime Minister might meet in Perth. It is as follows:-

A - A attached

3. I leave it to your judgment whether it is appropriate to invite them. It would be a good idea to include Alistair MacAlpine himself who will be in Perth on that day.

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To the duty clerk.

As we discussed, the enclosed is a list of Australians who I suppose you could describe as "prominent". These have been offered by Lord McAlpine for Mr Charles Powell's perusal.

Thanks

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From the Private Secretary

26 June 1988

Dear Tony,

**MALAYSIAN DEFENCE PACKAGE**

The Prime Minister has considered the Foreign Secretary's minute of 24 June recording the results of the meeting of Ministers to discuss implementation of the protocol signed by the Defence Secretary with the Malaysian Government in March. She is content for letters to issue to the Malaysian Finance Minister from the Defence Secretary and from our High Commissioner in the terms of the drafts enclosed with the minute. She also agrees that Malaysian demands for increased air services should be handled separately.

The Prime Minister has decided that she will definitely make a brief stop-over in Kuala Lumpur on the return journey from Australia, on the evening of 6 August, if convenient to Dr. Mahathir.

I am copying this letter to Ian Andrews (Ministry of Defence), Neil Thornton (Department of Trade and Industry), Jill Rutter (Chief Secretary's Office) and Myles Wickstead (Overseas Development Administration).

Yours sincerely,

(C. D. POWELL)

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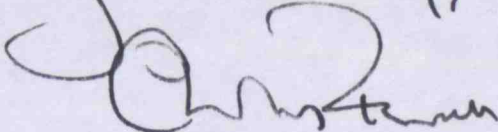
From the Private Secretary

26 June 1988

*Dear Bob,*

**PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA**

I have seen a copy of Canberra telegram no. 465 about the approach which our High Commission have received from Mr. Howard's office asking whether the Prime Minister would meet all Liberal and National Party MPs on 3 August. The Prime Minister is not prepared to do this, which she thinks would be badly received by the Australian Government. I shall be grateful if our High Commissioner could confirm to Mr. Howard that she is looking forward to her meeting with him and any of his shadow cabinet colleagues whom he chooses to bring, but does not believe it would be appropriate for her to take part in any wider meeting.

*Yours sincerely,*  
  
(CHARLES POWELL)

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*Prime Minister*  
*I hope very*  
*much that you*  
*will agree with this advice?*

*COO*  
*23/6*

MY TELNO 458: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT

1. IN MY T.U.R. I SAID THAT I THOUGHT THAT IF THE PRIME MINISTER ACCEPTED THE INVITATION TO DINNER FROM THE LIBERAL PREMIER OF NEW SOUTH WALES THAT TOGETHER WITH OTHER EVENTS ALREADY AGREED, PROBABLY OUGHT TO BE THE LIMIT FOR CONTACTS WITH THE OPPOSITION WHILE SHE WAS IN AUSTRALIA.

2. A MEMBER OF THE OFFICE OF MR JOHN HOWARD, LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION, RANG MY STAFF THIS MORNING TO ASK WHETHER THE PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING WITH HOWARD ON WEDNESDAY 3 AUGUST COULD BE FOLLOWED BY A SHORT MEETING OF ALL LIBERAL AND NATIONAL PARTY MPS WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD ADDRESS FOR "ABOUT FIVE MINUTES".

3. THIS IS AN OPENLY POLITICAL GAMBIT. THE PRIME MINISTER IS NOT OF COURSE MEETING MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING PARTY. SHE HAS ALREADY AGREED TO A MEETING WITH MR HOWARD AND I HAVE SUGGESTED, AS INSTRUCTED EARLIER, THAT HE MIGHT LIKE TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY SOME OF HIS SENIOR COLLEAGUES. BUT A FULL PARTY OCCASION IS ANOTHER MATTER AND TO GO ALONG WITH THIS WOULD, I THINK, PUT THE NOSES OF THE GOVERNMENT, WHO ARE AFTER ALL THE PRIME MINISTER'S HOSTS, OUT OF JOINT.

4. THERE IS ALSO A PRACTICAL PROBLEM. THE NEXT EVENT AFTER THE CALL ON THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION IS TO BE THE PRIME MINISTER'S MAJOR SPEECH AT THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB. I HAVE PROVIDED 30 SPARE MINUTES IN THE PROGRAMME BEFORE THIS FOR THE PRIME MINISTER TO PREPARE FOR THIS OCCASION AT THE RESIDENCE. I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT A MEETING WITH ALL LIBERAL AND NATIONAL PARTY MPS COULD POSSIBLY BE FINISHED IN FIVE MINUTES AND I AM AFRAID IT WOULD CUT DEEPLY INTO THAT TIME.

5. I THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT I AM AUTHORISED TO SAY TO MR HOWARD'S OFFICE THAT WE MUCH REGRET THAT THERE IS NO TIME AVAILABLE IN THE PROGRAMME FOR ANYTHING MORE THAN THE MEETING WITH MR HOWARD, AND IF HE LIKES A FEW OF HIS SHADOW CABINET COLLEAGUES, WHICH HAS

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ALREADY BEEN ARRANGED. IF HE THEN SUGGESTS THAT THE PARTY MEETING SHOULD REPLACE THE CALL ON HIM, I WOULD SAY THAT I THOUGHT THIS IMPORTED TOO MUCH OF A PARTY CHARACTER INTO THE PROCEEDINGS AND HOPED WE COULD STICK WITH THE PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS.

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*From the Private Secretary*

23 June 1988

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA

I have seen a copy of Canberra telegram number 458 with a revised itinerary for the Prime Minister's visit to Australia. I think the additional proposals are fine, although I am concerned that the dinner will mean yet another speech. Is an audience of 300-400 guests really going to be satisfied with two or three minutes off-the-cuff, as suggested in earlier correspondence? Perhaps we could get this clear.

Charles Powell

Bob Peiree, Esq.,  
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YOUR TELNOS 320 AND 328: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA

1. WE HAVE INCORPORATED A VISIT TO ALICE SPRINGS INTO THE PROGRAMME, AND HAVE PUT A PERTH WALKABOUT ITINERARY TO THE AUSTRALIANS. WE AWAIT FROM YOU THE NAMES OF THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BUSINESSMEN.

SYDNEY

2. THE NSW PREMIER, GREINER, HAS NOW SAID THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO HOST AN OFFICIAL DINNER FOR THE PRIME MINISTER, RATHER THAN A LUNCH. IT IS LIKELY THAT SUCH A FUNCTION WOULD BE A LARGE AFFAIR WITH 300-400 GUESTS, INCLUDING MANY LIBERAL PARTY NOTABLES.

3. THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT IN CANBERRA HAVE SAID THEY HAVE NO, REPEAT NO, OBJECTION TO GREINER'S PROPOSAL. IF IT WERE TO TAKE PLACE, THE EFFECT ON THE PROGRAMME IN SYDNEY WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS:

THURSDAY 4 AUGUST

- 1100 ARRIVE SYDNEY
- 1135 ARRIVE INTER-CONTINENTAL HOTEL
- 1210 DEPART HOTEL
- 1215-  
1245 CALL ON PREMIER OF NSW
- 1300-  
1430 PRIME MINISTER HOSTS LUNCH FOR PROMINENT AUSTRALIAN BUSINESSMEN (IN AN HOTEL)
- 1500-  
1530 A VISIT INVOLVING BRITISH AND AUSTRALIAN MILITARY PERSONNEL.



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(THE FERRANTI VISIT PROPOSAL NO LONGER BEING FEASIBLE)

1600-

1705 WALKABOUT IN DARLING HARBOUR, INCLUDING VISIT TO VIRGIN  
MEGASTORE, AND VISIT POWERHOUSE MUSEUM (NB THIS IS STILL  
BEING CHECKED OUT)

1715 ARRIVE HOTEL

LATER LIVE NATIONAL TELEVISION INTERVIEW (NB TIMINGS DEPEND ON  
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2015 OFFICIAL DINNER OFFERED BY STATE GOVERNMENT

4. YOU WILL SEE THAT THIS OMITTS MY PROPOSED RECEPTION FOR THE  
PRIME MINISTER. IT IS LIKELY THAT MANY OF THOSE I WOULD  
WISH TO INVITE WOULD BE AT THE OFFICIAL DINNER, GIVEN ITS SIZE,  
ANYWAY. FURTHERMORE, THE REVISED TIMINGS ARE SUCH THAT THE PRIME  
MINISTER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE RECEPTION WOULD BE LIMITED TO ONLY  
30 - 45 MINUTES.

5. GREINER IS THE NEW AND AMBITIOUS LIBERAL PREMIER FOR NEW  
SOUTH WALES. IF THE PRIME MINISTER ACCEPTS HIS INVITATION, HE  
MAY WELL TRY TO GIVE THE EVENT A "'PRO-OPPOSITION'" FLAVOUR.  
NEVERTHELESS, HE IS WITHIN HIS RIGHTS AS PREMIER OF THE STATE  
THE PRIME MINISTER IS VISITING AND AS STATED ABOVE THE FEDERAL  
PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT HAVE RAISED NO OBJECTION (THOUGH  
THEY DID NOT CONSULT HAWKE BEFORE TELLING US SO). I THEREFORE  
RECOMMEND THAT GREINER'S INVITATION BE ACCEPTED. BUT I THINK  
THAT IT, TOGETHER WITH THE PRIME MINISTER'S MEETING WITH JOHN  
HOWARD IN CANBERRA, WILL CONSTITUTE A SUFFICIENT GESTURE TOWARDS  
THE OPPOSITION. TO GO FURTHER DOWN THAT TRACK COULD WELL OFFEND  
THE PRIME MINISTER'S HOSTS (THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT).

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PRIME MINISTER

You need to have a Japanese Viral Encephalitis injection in readiness for Thailand. This ought to be done soon. There is a nurse coming to do other people going on the trip on Friday morning, 24 June. Would you be prepared to have the injection done by her at 0915 or would you prefer to ask Dr. Henderson in? I understand there are no ill effects from the injection.

✓  
Tessa

*[Handwritten signature]*

TESSA GAISMAN

22 June 1988



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*From the Private Secretary*

18 June 1988

You very kindly said that you would let me have a list of six or eight of the most important businessmen in Perth who might be invited to have a drink with the Prime Minister. I should be grateful for the names as soon as you have time so that we can get some invitations out.

(C. D. POWELL)

The Lord McAlpine of West Green

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From the Private Secretary

18 June 1988

See Bob,

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA

Thank you for your letter of 17 June dealing with the Prime Minister's stopovers in Malaysia and Bangkok on her way back from Australia.

Stopover in Malaysia

23 I agree that it would probably be wise to wait until after the Ministerial meeting on the Malaysian defence package on 27 June before taking a final decision whether to propose a stopover in Malaysia. But I am sure the Prime Minister would not in any event wish to stay overnight in Kuala Lumpur. Her preference would be to stay just long enough for a meeting with Dr. Mahathir before flying on to Bangkok that evening. However, she would be prepared to arrive in Bangkok rather later than planned, and to have the Thai Government Dinner the following night.

Stopover in Bangkok

I have consulted the Prime Minister about the two refugee camps. She is prepared to visit Site B, the more distant of the two, provided there have been no engagements the night before. I would prefer to leave the decision whether to make the visit by helicopter all the way, or to do it by a mix of aeroplane, helicopter and road, to our reconnaissance team. We would then have the Thai Dinner that evening (7 August), with departure for London at 0800 on 8 August.

Yours sincerely,

Charles Powell

R. N. Peirce, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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PRIME MINISTER

VISIT TO AUSTRALIA

There are two points about your visit to Australia on which I should be grateful for your guidance.

Stopover in Malaysia

You suggested that we should stopover briefly in Malaysia (rather than Singapore again) on the way from Brisbane to Bangkok. The Foreign Office think this an excellent idea provided we have settled the problem over the Malaysian defence package (we must). The question remains whether to make it just a brief two hour technical stop in the hope that you could meet Mr. Mahathir at or near the airport; or whether to have dinner with him which would in practice mean staying overnight and going on to Bangkok early the next morning. You would then carry out your full programme in Bangkok the next day concluding with dinner there in the evening, returning to London one day later than originally planned (getting back on the evening of Monday 8 August). The advantage of this is that it would give you more time with Dr. Mahathir, mirror arrangements made for Singapore and make it look less like a rushed technical stop. Against that, it means yet another night in yet another hotel with quite an early start the next morning.

How do you feel about it?

*This is not going to be possible and do not*

Visit to Thailand

*the next day's programme*

You have agreed to visit a refugee camp near the Cambodia border. This is one of the most important and photogenic elements of your programme. The choice lies between two camps: one is about 50 minutes away by helicopter but is less impressive and less politically significant: the other is 90 minutes by helicopter (or about the same by a mixture of aircraft/helicopter/road) but more impressive and run by a more significant Cambodian opposition group. The strong political advice is that you should go to the more distant



camp, but it does mean a round journey of 3-4 hours, coming towards the end of what will already have been a long and arduous programme. Before committing you to this I would be grateful to know whether you are prepared to undertake the longer journey? There would of course be plenty of time on your return to Bangkok for hairdresser/changing before dinner.

Will go to the distance  
not

e.g.?

C. D. POWELL

17 June 1988

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*Dear Charles*

Prime Minister's Visit to Australia

*File with PAB*  
Your letter of 13 June asked for early advice on a possible brief stop-over by the Prime Minister in Malaysia. I also deal with the outstanding questions on the stop-overs in Singapore and Bangkok raised in your letter of 3 June.

Stop-Over in Malaysia

In the general context of our relations with Malaysia, a Prime Ministerial visit, however brief, could be very valuable. The political climate was greatly improved by the Prime Minister's visit in 1985, by Dr Mahathir's return visit last year, and, most recently, by the Secretary of State's visit. The Malaysians place special store by personal contacts at the top: perhaps the best example is Mrs Thatcher's call on Dr Mahathir at his hotel last summer. A visit would also help to reassure Dr Mahathir about our overall relationship after the recent Newsnight programme. Lastly, it is not to be excluded that the Malaysians could take umbrage, at a time when we have several important irons in the fire, if the Prime Minister visited Singapore and Thailand but not Malaysia.

The general political case is therefore strong. However, we are far from being out of the wood over the defence package and it is not easy to foresee what the position will be in August. That will depend on what we are able to say between now and then on the questions of ATP and flight frequencies and on progress over the draft MOU. We clearly cannot wait until the last minute before proposing that the Prime Minister should stop over in Malaysia. But the Foreign Secretary thinks that it would be prudent to delay doing so at least until after the Ministerial meeting on the defence package, now planned for the week beginning 27 June.

We have also considered the programme implications. If the Prime Minister stayed in Kuala Lumpur for just two hours, we could simply substitute the technical stop-over for that currently planned for Singapore. She could still arrive in Bangkok by 1820, and have talks followed by dinner at 1900, as planned. However, the visit to Malaysia

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would go down better if the Prime Minister were able to stay on for dinner. A better plan might be for the Prime Minister to do that and depart for Bangkok early the following morning. Departure from Kuala Lumpur at 0900 local time on 7 August should permit arrival in Bangkok at 1000 local time, thus involving a minimum of change to the planned programme in Thailand. The official dinner in Bangkok would then be re-scheduled for 7 August, with departure for London at 0800 local time on 8 August, allowing arrival in the UK at 1915 local time the same day.

Finally the two points raised in your letter of 3 June. On Singapore (the idea of a single photogenic engagement), we await a reply from the post. On the programme in Thailand, the Embassy advise that the helicopter journey time to Site 2 is about 50 minutes, compared with 90 minutes to Site B. The helicopter would be a military twin-engined, eleven-seater Bell 214ST with a VIP qualified crew. An alternative route to Site B would be by aeroplane to Surin, followed by a short helicopter flight and finishing the journey by road. Total journey time would be about the same as by helicopter all the way (ie about 4 hours there and back), but this method might be more comfortable and less tiring.

The Ambassador is strongly of the view that a visit to Site B would be preferable. It would be a demonstration of support for Sihanouk in his efforts to seek a solution in Cambodia and would be welcomed as such by the Thai Government. It would attract considerable media attention. There would be no time or opportunity for substantive exchanges at Site B but these can be pursued with Sihanouk in London later in the year. A meeting with Sihanouk elsewhere in Thailand, assuming it could be arranged, would not have the same impact. Nor would a visit to Site 2, though it would highlight our humanitarian concern for the plight of the Cambodian refugees (the KPNLF is divided and incapable of political initiative at present). There is little doubt that the Thais would prefer a visit to Site B.

We agree with the Ambassador that, if at all possible, we should go for a visit to Site B rather than Site 2.

The Embassy are consulting the Thais about speeches at the official dinner. We await a response.

*Yours aw*

*R N Peirce*

(R N Peirce)  
Private Secretary

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*From the Private Secretary*

17 June 1988

Thank you for your letter of 13 June to Andy Bearpark, from whom I have recently taken over, on the possibility of Sir Peter flying out with the Prime Minister's party to Australia for British Week at Expo '88. I am afraid the way that the visit is developing, it looks as though there will have to be several stopovers en route. There is also a much greater amount of equipment which will need to be aboard, which was not envisaged earlier in the year. As a result, even members of her immediate party are having to fly in commercial airlines.

I know the Prime Minister is sorry that, in the circumstances, it is not possible for Sir Peter to fly with her, but hopes very much that he will understand the reasons why.

Dominic Morris

Mrs. Gill Rides

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MY TELNO 409: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT

1. FURTHER TO PARA 3 OF T U R, THE AUSTRALIANS HAVE INFORMED US THAT MR HAWKE'S LUNCH AT NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE WILL BE FOR 300 TO 400 PEOPLE (MPS, THEIR SPOUSES AND OTHERS). THERE WILL BE SPEECHES FROM MR HAWKE AND THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION, EACH 5 - 7 MINUTES LONG. I RECOMMEND THAT THE PRIME MINISTER SIMILARLY SPEAK FOR FROM 5 TO 7 MINUTES.

2. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN TOLD THAT THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S DINNER WILL BE FOR 50 PEOPLE (BLACK TIE/LONG DRESS), WITH NO SPEECHES AND ONLY ONE TOAST (BY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL).

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Dear Andy,

*Andy*  
I thought I would drop you a short note and refer to our letters of 20th and 21st January following the conversation the Prime Minister had with Sir Peter at the Bicentennial Banquet in Guildhall on 19th January.

You will recall that Mrs. Thatcher extended an invitation to Sir Peter, subject of course, to availability, to fly out with her party to Australia for British Week at Expo '88. I am just wondering if there are any further developments in this connection as I am shortly undertaking Sir Peter's itinerary for his visit. Lady Gadsden will not be accompanying Sir Peter on this trip.

If you are able to give me any information, I should be most grateful and I look forward to hearing from you.

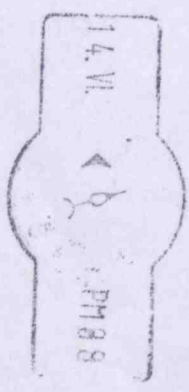
Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Gill Rides [Mrs]  
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*From the Private Secretary*

13 June 1988

**PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA**

Miss Carol Thatcher will not now be a member of the Prime Minister's party. Her place will be taken by Mrs. Amanda Ponsonby.

(CHARLES POWELL)

R.N. Peirce, Esq.,  
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From the Private Secretary

13 June, 1988.

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA

In the light of the difficulties which have emerged over the Malaysian Defence Package, the Prime Minister thinks that she ought to make a brief stop-over in Malaysia on her way back from Australia, to meet Dr. Mahathir and reassure him of our political commitment to the defence package. I should be grateful for early advice on:

- the political case for such a visit. By committing the Prime Minister now to visit Kuala Lumpur in early August, we assume that a satisfactory solution can be worked out on the question of ATP for civil contracts in Malaysia. The Prime Minister's view, as I have recorded it separately, is that a solution must be found.

- the programme consequences. As I recall, we were anyway planning a technical stop in Singapore en route from Brisbane to Bangkok. Can that as easily be made in Kuala Lumpur? Would Dr. Mahathir be content with a two hour stopover, given that the Prime Minister will be spending rather longer in Singapore on the way out? What would be the implications for the programme in Thailand if we have to stay longer in Kuala Lumpur? It looks to me as though it would be virtually impossible to reach Bangkok in time for dinner, in the event of a stopover in Kuala Lumpur, in which case we might have to spend the night of Sunday, 7 August in Bangkok leaving for London on the Monday morning.

I am copying this letter to Brian Hawtin (Ministry of Defence).

C.D. Powell

R.N. Peirce, Esq.,  
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*From the Private Secretary*

11 June 1988

*Dear Bob,*

**PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA**

I have seen a copy of Canberra telegram number 413 about the Prime Minister's wish to pay a visit to the outback. Of the two options suggested, I think that the Prime Minister would prefer the visit to Alice Springs and we should plan for this, adjusting the remainder of the programme in Canberra as suggested.

*Yours sincerely,  
Chris Powell*

(C.D. POWELL)

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FOR SPD  
PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: BRIEFING

1. WE WILL HAVE READY ON ARRIVAL AT PERTH PROGRAMME NOTES (COVERING PROCEDURE, BACKGROUND AND BRITISH INTEREST) FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S PARTY ON EVENTS NUMBERED 5, 12, 18, 19, 28, 32, 39, 41, 50, 52, 54, 56, 57 AND 60 IN MY TELNO 379, OR ANY EVENTS WHICH REPLACE THESE. WE PRESUME YOU WILL PROVIDE ALL SUBSTANTIVE AND OTHER BACKGROUND BRIEFING. YOU MAY FIND USEFUL THE FOLLOWING CHECK LIST OF SUBJECTS WHICH WE THINK SHOULD BE COVERED.

2. BILATERAL MATTERS:

- A) THE IMPORTANCE OF AUSTRALIA TO THE UK (MY RECENT DESPATCH).
- B) BRITAIN'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE BICENTENARY.
- C) BRITISH-AUSTRALIAN TRADE.
- D) BRITISH INVESTMENT IN AUSTRALIA
- E) AUSTRALIAN INVESTMENT IN THE UK
- F) DEFENCE SALES
- G) DEFENCE COOPERATION
- H) THE MONARCHY AND REPUBLICAN SENTIMENT.
- I) UK/AUSTRALIA SPORTING LINKS
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- K) BILATERAL PROBLEMS (MARALINGA, CACA, INDEX-LINKED PENSIONS, SPNFZ, SOUTH AFRICA)
- L) COOPERATION (SYRIA, AIDS, DRUGS)

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M) AIR SERVICES AGREEMENTS

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3. GENERAL:

A) BICENTENARY

B) EXPO 88

C) THE FEDERAL SYSTEM

D) INTERNAL POLITICS, INCLUDING PROPOSALS FOR COSTITUTIONAL REFORM.

E) THE ECONOMY (EMPHASISING THE HAWKE GOVERNMENT'S MOVES TOWARDS A FREER MARKET ECONOMY AND KEATING'S ATTEMPT TO CREATE A 'PRODUCTIVE CULTURE'.)

F) IMMIGRATION, INCLUDING THE FITZGERALD REPORT

G) AUSTRALIAN FOREIGN POLICY (INCLUDING US BASES, SOVIET INTEREST IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC)

H) AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE POLICY ( THE WHITE PAPER AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION ANZUS).

I) ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT

J) INTERNATIONAL TRADE ISSUES (ESPECIALLY AGRICULTURAL TRADE REFORM, TORONTO SUMMIT, URUGUAY ROUND)

K) THE ABORIGINAL ISSUE

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*From the Private Secretary*

10 June 1988

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO OMAN

Thank you for your letter of 10 June about the administrative arrangements for the Prime Minister's visit to Oman. These are satisfactory and I am grateful for the trouble taken.

(CHARLES POWELL)

R.N. Peirce, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

10 June 1988

*Dear Charles*

Prime Minister's Visit to Oman

The Embassy in Muscat have made the following suggestions regarding a Number 10 office during the Prime Minister's brief stop-over in Salalah on the evening of Saturday, 30 July.

A small Private Office could be set up in one of the small bungalows used as a waiting room for VIPs which is within a few minutes' walk of the Sultan's Palace. The rest of the party not involved in the official talks and dinner and not required in the Private Office could be accommodated (together with the press party) in the Holiday Inn, which is at the other end of town. We would ensure that there were direct telephones installed wherever the Number 10 office is set up.

I should be grateful to know if this would be satisfactory.

*Yours ever*

*Bob Peirce*

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YOUR TELNOS 312 AND 320: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT

1. WE HAVE CONSIDERED CAREFULLY HOW THE PRIME MINISTER'S WISH TO PAY A VISIT TO THE OUTBACK CAN BE ACCOMMODATED. WE LOOKED AT THE POSSIBLE LANDING SITES BETWEEN PERTH AND CANBERRA, WITH THE FOLLOWING RESULTS:

KALGOORLIE (WA) - RUNWAY TOO SHORT FOR A VC10

ALBANY (WA) - DITTO

ESPERANCE (WA) - DITTO

CEDUNA (SA) - TOTALLY INADEQUATE

WHYALLA (SA) - RUNWAY TOO SHORT

BROKEN HILL (NSW) - LANDING CONCESSION REQUIRED AS VC10 WOULD BE HEAVIER THAN MAXIMUM WEIGHT NORMALLY ALLOWED. HOWEVER, FIRE COVER DOES NOT MEET THE RAF'S REQUIREMENTS. OTHERWISE, A VISIT TO THE ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE (RFDS) AND SCHOOL OF THE AIR COULD BE UNDERTAKEN DURING A 2 HOUR VISIT THERE ALTHOUGH THE PRIME MINISTER VISITED BOTH DURING HER 1976 VISIT.

2. THIS LEAVES ALICE SPRINGS, WHICH COULD TAKE A VC10. NOWADAYS A TOURIST-TRAP, ALICE SPRINGS IS THE HQ OF THE RFDS AND HAS A SCHOOL OF THE AIR WHERE THE PRIME MINISTER COULD SPEAK TO CHILDREN IN REMOTE AREAS. HOWEVER, EVEN WITH AN EARLIER DEPARTURE FROM PERTH AT 0730 AND ONLY 2 HOURS ON THE GROUND IN ALICE, THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD NOT ARRIVE IN CANBERRA UNTIL 1645. ON THAT BASIS, I DO NOT THINK THAT USEFUL TALKS WITH HAWKE COULD TAKE PLACE UNTIL THE FOLLOWING DAY. CONSEQUENTLY, THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISITS TO THE WAR MEMORIAL AND EITHER NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE OR LAURA ASHLEY WOULD BE SCRAPPED, AS WOULD BE MY RECEPTION ON 2 AUGUST AND THE TREE-PLANTING CEREMONY. A CALL ON THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL WOULD BE UNNECESSARY AS HE IS OFFERING DINNER. THE PROGRAMME FROM THE PRIME MINISTER'S ARRIVAL IN CANBERRA UNTIL 1730 ON

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3 AUGUST WOULD, THEREFORE, BE AS FOLLOWS:

2 AUGUST

1645 ARRIVE CANBERRA  
1705 ARRIVE HC'S RESIDENCE  
1930 FOR DINNER OFFERED BY GOVERNOR-GENERAL  
2000

3 AUGUST

0845-1030 CALL ON MR HAWKE: OFFICIAL TALKS  
1045-1130 MR HOWARD CALLS ON PRIME MINISTER  
1200-1255 NATIONAL PRESS CLUB  
1300 MR HAWKE'S LUNCH  
1430 DEPART FOR AIRPORT  
1455 DEPART CANBERRA  
1605 ARRIVE MELBOURNE  
1635 ARRIVE HILTON HOTEL  
1700-1730 WALKABOUT AND SHOP VISIT

3. A SIMPLER ALTERNATIVE TO STOPPING EN ROUTE TO CANBERRA WOULD BE TO VISIT A SHEEP STATION NEAR CANBERRA ON 3 AUGUST. SUCH A VISIT COULD INCLUDE A 40-60 MINUTE ROUND-TRIP DRIVE THROUGH THE COUNTRYSIDE, BREAKFAST AT THE STATION, A TRIP AROUND THE STATION, AND A LOOK AT SHEEPDOGS AT WORK. SHEARING IS NOT DONE IN WINTER. IF THIS WERE TO GO AHEAD, THE PROGRAMME FROM 1530 ON 2 AUGUST TO 1730 ON 3 AUGUST WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS:

2 AUGUST

1530-1715 CALL ON MR HAWKE: OFFICIAL TALKS  
1730-1815 MR HOWARD CALLS ON PRIME MINISTER

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1930 FOR DINNER OFFERED BY GOVERNOR-GENERAL  
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3 AUGUST

0730 DEPART RESIDENCE FOR SHEEP STATION (TO INCLUDE  
BREAKFAST)

1100 ARRIVE BACK AT RESIDENCE

1200-1255 NATIONAL PRESS CLUB SPEECH

1300 LUNCH OFFERED BY MR HAWKE

1430 DEPART FOR AIRPORT

1455 DEPART CANBERRA

1605 ARRIVE MELBOURNE

1635 ARRIVE HILTON HOTEL

1700-1730 WALKABOUT AND VISIT TO BODY SHOP.

4. AUSTRALIANS HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO EITHER OPTION, BUT SAY THAT  
THEY CANNOT SUPPLY A TOTALLY ARMoured CAR IN ALICE. GRATEFUL FOR  
YOUR ADVICE DESKBY 132230Z AS TO WHICH OF THESE ALTERNATIVES  
WE SHOULD PURSUE FURTHER.

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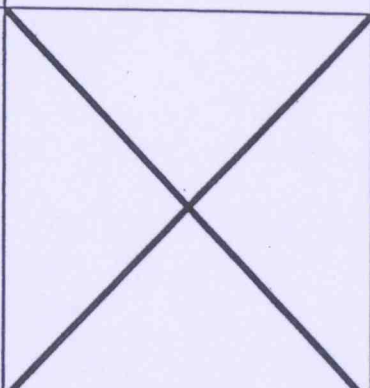
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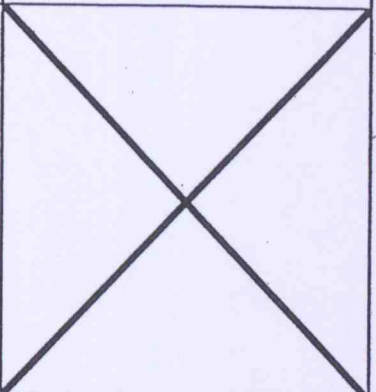
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*From the Private Secretary*

9 June 1988

**PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA**

One final tail-piece to my letters about the programme for the Prime Minister's visit to Australia. I understand that the two organisations which are relevant to the Prime Minister's wish to see something of the teaching of children in remote areas are the School of the Air and the Isolated Childrens Parents Association. I have passed on these two names to John Coles by telephone.

(C. D. POWELL)

R. N. Peirce, Esq.,  
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*From the Private Secretary*

9 June 1988

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO OMAN

Thank you for your letter of 8 June confirming the bad news that we shall have to stop at Bahrain on the way to Salalah and that this will mean an earlier departure from London. There seems no alternative to this so I think we must assume the Prime Minister's agreement.

(C. D. POWELL)

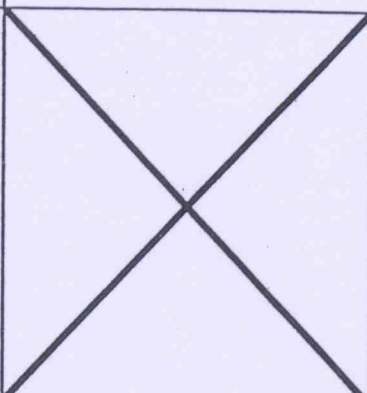
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YOUR TELNO 312 : PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA

1. PERTH : THE CONSUL-GENERAL SPOKE TO JOHN ADAMS, CHAIRMAN OF AUSTRALIAN CITY PROPERTIES (A MCALPINE COMPANY) ABOUT LORD MCALPINE'S HOUSE. IT IS LOCATED IN THE CITY CENTRE (ONE MILE FROM THE HOTEL MERLIN) AND HAS A DOUBLE BEDROOM (ENSUITE), A TWIN BEDROOM AND A HOUSEKEEPER'S FLAT IN THE BASEMENT WHICH SLEEPS TWO. ADAMS KNEW OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT AND THE POSSIBILITY THAT SHE MIGHT STAY IN THE HOUSE, BUT DID NOT KNOW WHETHER LORD MCALPINE WOULD BE STAYING THERE AT THE SAME TIME. I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD CHECK WITH LORD MCALPINE WHETHER HE WILL BE IN THE HOUSE AT THE TIME OF THE VISIT AND IN ANY CASE WHO WOULD STAY IN THE HOUSE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER'S PARTY. OBVIOUSLY, THE SECURITY OF THE HOUSE HAS NOT YET BEEN CHECKED. GRATEFUL FOR A REPLY DESKBY 092230Z.

2. WE ARE CONSIDERING ALTERNATIVE TO THE SWAN RIVER CRUISE AND WILL REVERT.

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PRIME MINISTER

VISIT TO AUSTRALIA

The Australian High Commissioner has been in touch to say he would very much like to give a small dinner before your visit to Australia. At present we have him down to call on you but dinner would be a substitute for this. I have looked at the diary with Tessa, and Thursday 21 July is a possibility. It would be after your speech to the 1922 Committee.

Would you like to accept this? Or plead too many engagements at that time?

C. D. POWELL

9 June 1988

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8 June 1988

Dear Charles

Prime Minister's visit to Oman

We spoke earlier this week about the need to refuel the aircraft carrying the Prime Minister's party to Australia before it arrives at Salalah in Oman where the Prime Minister will be meeting the Sultan. The RAF insist that they cannot fly to Salalah without a refuelling stop. This will add two and a half hours to the journey time to Salalah.

The RAF say that refuelling is only possible in either Bahrain or Luxor. Apparently Cyprus is not close enough to the route to make a refuelling stop there feasible. Refuelling in Bahrain would take only one hour (the RAF have a representative there) as against one and a half hours (and a slightly longer flying time) if the stop was made in Luxor.

If the stop is made in Bahrain the Ruler of Bahrain will almost certainly insist on greeting the Prime Minister. However the meeting could be kept short and restricted to an exchange of courtesies. There need be no delay, but the Amir would be delighted by the briefest of meetings with the Prime Minister.

Even if it proved possible to bring forward departure to the evening of 29 July, which would give a longer stop-over in Oman, this would mean two long overnight flights to reach Singapore. This is clearly not to be recommended.

I should be grateful therefore if you would let me know if departure from London could be advanced from 0800 to 0700 with arrival in Salalah at 2050 (local time). Flying time to Bahrain would be 7 hours 20 minutes (ETA 1620 local) and 2 hours 30 minutes to Salalah. This gives a rather later arrival in Salalah but should be nonetheless acceptable to the Sultan.

Yours ever  
Bob Peirce

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*From the Private Secretary*

8 June 1988

**PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA**

I wrote to you on 6 June about the programme for the Prime Minister's visit to Australia. The Prime Minister has subsequently had a word with Lord McAlpine and has the following additional suggestions:

- in Perth, she would like to do a walkabout in the City centre. She would also like to meet half a dozen or so of Western Australia's leading businessmen (some suggested names to follow) over a tea or a drink. This has a much higher priority in the Prime Minister's eyes than a cruise on the Swan River;
- it might be possible to fit in her proposed rural visit somewhere between Perth and Canberra on Tuesday 2 August. I understand that there are a number of possible sites, for instance in the area North of Adelaide, and that there are Royal Australian Air Force bases on the route where the VC 10 could land. This would of course necessitate a much earlier start from Perth on the morning of 2 August. But the Prime Minister would like to see a proposal.

I should be grateful if these additional points could be passed on to John Coles.

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA: PROGRAMME

Thank you for your letter of 3 June covering Mr. Coles' telegrams from Canberra about the programme for the Prime Minister's visit to Australia.

On the general balance of the programme, the Prime Minister has said that she attaches importance to seeing something of rural Australia. As examples she has suggested a visit to a farm, to the flying doctor service, an opportunity to see how children in remote areas are taught by TV and perhaps do a phone-in programme for people in remote parts. I realise this would mean sacrificing some other part of the programme. This should preferably be one of the lunches or receptions. I can only say that the Prime Minister is very keen on this idea and will not lightly be argued out of it.

To take the points in Canberra telegram no 378 in order:

Hotels

In general the Prime Minister is content to follow the Australian Government's wishes. But she wants to accept Lord McAlpine's invitation to stay in his house in Perth. In Sydney she would wish to stay at the Intercontinental Hotel rather than the Regent. These points are not negotiable.

Speeches

The Prime Minister will of course make short impromptu speeches at the various functions. It would be helpful to have some particularly apposite points for her to make on each occasion. We shall need full draft speeches for the National Press Club, the Australian Government dinner and the opening of British Day at EXPO.

Perth

The Prime Minister is content to open the new Rolls Royce factory. Is a cruise on the Swan River really a good idea at that time of year? It might be better to go for a meeting with local businessmen or a visit to a winery or

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some other local landmark.

Canberra

There is no objection to planting another tree. The Prime Minister would be content for the High Commissioner to give a reception provided that it does not conflict with her wish to add a rural visit to the programme. She is content to attend a dinner with the Governor-General rather than host a return dinner for Mr. Hawke.

Sydney

As noted above, the Prime Minister would prefer the Intercontinental Hotel.

Brisbane

The Prime Minister would be willing to receive the special photograph album about the Young Endeavour Project. I think the programme is too crowded to allow a separate meeting with Lincolnshire sixth-formers, but they could be included in a reception.

TV & Radio Interviews

These points should be settled during the reconnaissance.

Opposition

The Prime Minister agrees that she should not attend any separate function with the Opposition but should receive a call from Mr. Howard in Canberra. But she would not wish to restrict it just to Mr. Howard: he might be offered the option of bringing some of his senior colleagues with him.

Mr. Thatcher's programme

I am consulting Mr. Thatcher and will reply separately.

CHARLES POWELL

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Can't we see  
 something more - visit a  
 farm - see the flying doctor  
 service - see how children in  
 remote places are  
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 - do a  
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PRIME MINISTER

VISIT TO AUSTRALIA

I attach John Coles' proposals for your programme in Australia. As you will see, it has a large number of rather formal events: a lunch, a reception and a dinner virtually every day. In the main these are not our idea: they are proposed by the various State Governments and are a mark of your popularity. There are a fair number of commercial visits to help our exports, several interviews and one major speech. I am afraid there is relatively little which is pleasurable or imaginative. I have asked Carol and Alistair McAlpine for some ideas, but nothing has come yet.

Although there is only one major speech, there will be quite a number of smaller ones at lunches and dinners. But John Coles advises that these need be only 2/3 minutes each and generally impromptu, except for the Australian Government dinner and the opening of British Day at Expo 88.

The first and main question is whether you are prepared to subject yourself to this ordeal? It is not a frivolous question: it is a very full programme at the end of a parliamentary session and meeting so many people at receptions and meals is very tiring. The only alleviating factor is that there are no particularly difficult talks or negotiations.

In addition there are a number of specific questions:

- are you content to open the new Rolls-Royce turbine blade factory in Perth? John Coles strongly recommends this. You would probably do it in conjunction with the Australian Defence Minister (Labour).
- would you be willing to plant another tree in the High Commissioner's garden? The last one is doing well.



- agree that John should give a reception in your honour at Canberra?
  
- there are some problems over accommodation. John wants for you to stay in a hotel in Perth, but you are keen on Alistair's house. Agree that I should insist on the house, provided there is security clearance? And in Sydney, the Australian Government want to put you up in the Regent Hotel, while Alistair wants you to stay in the Intercontinental (which is his). Again, agree that I should courteously but firmly insist on the Intercontinental?
  
- lastly there is the question of a meeting with the Opposition. The proposal is that you should receive a call from Mr Howard in Canberra but not attend any more public functions (Mr Howard was earlier talking of hosting an Opposition lunch for you). I think it is probably better to stick to protocol on this. If you attend a lunch, you will have to speak and it will probably leak and be used to cause embarrassment. Agree to a call by Mr Howard but nothing more?

CJP

Charles Powell

3 June 1988



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*Jan Charles*

Prime Minister's visit to Australia 1 - 6 August: Programme

You will have seen Canberra telegram nos 378, 379 and 380 containing the revised draft programmes for the Prime Minister and Mr Thatcher together with a commentary by the High Commissioner.

We endorse the recommendations made by Mr Coles in his telegram no 378 and would be grateful to know your decisions on the questions raised.

You will wish to note that in the revised programme the only planned contact with the leader of the Opposition is a call by Mr Howard in Canberra on 3 August. In your letter of 25 April to Robert Culshaw you thought this would suffice, despite Mr Howard's earlier suggestion of hosting a public luncheon in Sydney. The fact that Mr Howard will now be calling on both the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State during his visit to Britain from 20-27 July would appear to reinforce your view.

One other point concerns a possible visit to New Parliament House on the morning of 3 August. If the Prime Minister's meeting with Mr Hawke on 2 August takes place in New Parliament House (as foreseen in para 1 of Canberra telegram no 372, copied to you) we see little need for the Prime Minister to return on 3 August for what would be no more than an architectural tour of the building. Mr Hawke might in any case offer to show the Prime Minister the main features of the building. If on the other hand the meeting with Mr Hawke is elsewhere then a visit to the New Parliament would be expected by the Australians and would present a good photo opportunity.

*Yours ever*

*R N Peirce*

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*From the Private Secretary*

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA

Thank you for your letter of 2 June about the stopovers in Singapore and Bangkok, on the Prime Minister's journey to and from Australia.

Singapore

I wonder whether we ought not to have a single, photogenic engagement at about 4 p.m. in the afternoon (to allow time for a rest on arrival). I have no particular suggestion but the Post might be asked for a recommendation.

Thailand

I agree that we should go ahead with plans for the visit despite the general election. I am less happy with the prospect of 1½ hours in a helicopter. It is an exceptionally long journey. What sort of helicopter would it be? Can some of the journey be undertaken by aircraft? How much closer is Site 2 closer than Site B (in journey time)? Would there not be some other way of 'noticing' Prince Siharouk (the Prime Minister is of course to see him in September)? I think we need to go into all this in more detail before reaching a decision.

The other proposals look fine. The Prime Minister will presumably need to make a speech at the dinner and you will want to commission a draft.

Charles Powell

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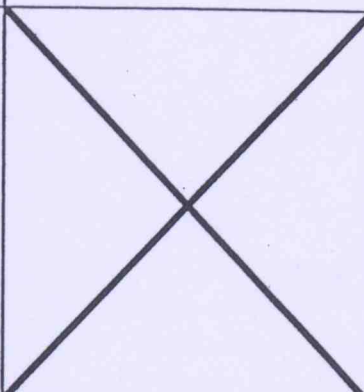
Thank you for your letter of 3 June with the revised fits for the VC10 for the Prime Minister's visit to Australia. I think this solves the problem. I agree that we should offer passage to the High Commissioner and his wife and to four Australian officials while in Australia.

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*Dear Charles*

Prime Minister's visit to Australia

*Alap*

As promised in Tony Galsworthy's letter of 13 May, we have taken action with our posts. I enclose draft programmes for the Prime Minister's stopovers in Singapore and Bangkok which are subject to the following comments.

Singapore

Officials in Singapore foresee no difficulties with what is proposed and think it probable that Lee Kuan Yew will wish to host a dinner. Formal confirmation will follow when we have it.

Thailand

It is unlikely to be possible to finalise the programme until shortly before the visit. The general election due on 24 July could result in another coalition Government which may take some weeks to form. Agreement on a new Cabinet may take longer. However, the present expectation is that General Prem will return as Prime Minister. He has already personally welcomed the proposed visit and Thai politicians and officials are firm that it should go ahead. Our Ambassador's assessment is that the new Prime Minister should be known by the time of the visit, even if he has not been formally appointed, and that there are no other likely candidates for the office whom it would not be suitable for the Prime Minister to meet.

The Thais say that General Prem (assuming he is indeed the new Prime Minister) would almost certainly wish to offer a dinner for the Prime Minister and Mr Thatcher on the evening of 6 August. This might be preceded by a short call (say 30 minutes) for official talks.

In these circumstances a call on the morning of 7 August would not be necessary, which opens the way to an early start for the border. This in turn would permit an audience with the King of Thailand, which the Thais are likely to favour, in the afternoon (the only time audiences are granted). It would also leave time for a press conference.

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There are two options for a visit to the border: Site 2, administered by the Khmer People's National Liberation Front (KPNLF), or Site B, run by elements loyal to Prince Sihanouk. (The KPNLF and the Sihanoukists are the non-Communist factions of the tri-partite Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea, which opposes the Vietnamese occupation of Cambodia). Site B seems to us the more suitable.

Sihanouk is likely to be in Thailand at the time and to wish to receive the Prime Minister personally at Site B, should she decide to go there. This could be an effective way of demonstrating our support for the Prince, whose involvement is a sine qua non for a settlement of the Cambodia question. Site 2 is admittedly more photogenic, with its much larger population (200,000 compared with 40,000 at Site B). However, the likely presence of Sihanouk at Site B and our wish to support him politically lead us to advise Site B over Site 2.

Site B is further from Bangkok than Site 2. But a 7.30 start from the Residence means ample time (1½ hours) to tour the camp and meet Sihanouk. We have no precise timing for the audience with the King. However we will ensure sufficient time to freshen up and change clothing between the return to Bangkok and the audience. The programme will also ensure adequate facilities for the press to keep up with what will be a fairly tight schedule.

Although neither programme is yet firm, it would be useful to have your views and suggestions on what is now emerging. We can then go back to post and finalise the details.

*Yours ever*  
*Bob Peirce*  
(R N Peirce)  
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DRAFT PROGRAMME FOR SINGAPORE

SATURDAY 30 JULY

23.30 Depart Muscat for Singapore (7 hrs 45 min flying time).

SATURDAY 31 JULY

11.15 Arrive Singapore.

Evening Talks/Dinner with Lee Kuan Yew. Overnight stop.

MONDAY 1 AUGUST

09.00 Depart Singapore for Perth (5 hrs flying time).

14.00 Arrive Perth.

DRAFT PROGRAMME FOR THAILAND

SATURDAY 6 AUGUST

09.00 Depart Brisbane.  
17.45 Arrive via technical stopover in Singapore.  
19.00 Call on Prime Minister followed by  
19.30 Dinner.

SUNDAY 7 AUGUST

07.30 Depart Residence for Don Muang Airport.  
08.00 Depart by helicopter.  
09.30 Arrive Ban Lan Thae Helipad. Depart by road.  
10.00 Arrive Site B. Discussions with Prince Sihanouk  
or his representative. Possibly hand over aid.  
Tour camp.  
11.30 Depart by road for helipad.  
12.00 Depart by helicopter for Bangkok.  
Lunch on board.  
13.30 Arrive Don Muang Airport.  
Return to Residence.  
14.00 Arrive Residence.  
15.30 Depart for Chitralada Palace.  
16.00 Audience with HM King.  
16.45 Depart Chitralada Palace.  
17.15 Arrive Residence.  
17.30 Press Conference at Residence.  
18.15 Depart Residence for Don Muang Airport.  
18.45 Arrive Airport.  
Farewells.  
19.00 Depart for London.

MONDAY 8 AUGUST

06.15 Arrive LHR (via Bahrain).

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M.I.P.T. : PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA:  
PROGRAMME FOR MR. THATCHER.

1. WE HAVE DRAWN UP A DRAFT PROGRAMME FOR MR THATCHER FOR THE  
FEW OCCASIONS WHEN HE WILL NOT ACCOMPANY THE PRIME MINISTER,  
AS FOLLOWS:

TUESDAY 2 AUGUST

1615 VISIT NEW FERRANTI OFFICE IN CANBERRA

LATER PRESENTATION BY HAWKER PACIFIC

WEDNESDAY 3 AUGUST

0900 FREE (CANBERRA)

THURSDAY 4 AUGUST

1145-1235 VISIT INSTITUTE OF DIRECTORS (SYDNEY)

FRIDAY 5 AUGUST

1000-1030 FREE (BRISBANE)

2. WE HAVE NOT PUT THESE SUGGESTIONS TO THE AUSTRALIANS OR TO THE  
COMPANIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED. IF THEY ARE ACCEPTABLE TO MR. THATCHER,  
WE SHALL THEN DO SO.

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MONDAY 1 AUGUST

1. 1400 ARRIVE PERTH
2. 1425 ARRIVE HOTEL MERLIN
3. 1515 DEPART HOTEL
4. 1530 - OPEN TURBINE COMPONENTS (AUSTRALIA) FACTORY,  
1615 (A ROLLS ROYCE JOINT VENTURE)
5. 1630 - SWAN RIVER CRUISE (WEATHER PERMITTING)  
1730/1800
6. 1900 RECEIVED BY PREMIER OF WA.  
FOR  
1930 OFFICIAL DINNER OFFERED BY STATE GOVERNMENT.
7. 2130 RECORDED AUSTRALIAN BREAKFAST TV AND RADIO  
INTERVIEWS.

TUESDAY 2 AUGUST

8. 0730 DEPART HOTEL
9. 0800 DEPART PERTH
10. 1400 ARRIVE CANBERRA (RAAF FAIRBAIRN)
11. 1420 ARRIVE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S RESIDENCE (REST OF  
PARTY TO HYATT HOTEL, PRESS TO LAKESIDE HOTEL)
12. 1500 TREE-PLANTING CEREMONY AT RESIDENCE
13. 1530 CALL ON GOVERNOR-GENERAL

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14. 1615 **CALL ON PRIME MINISTER HAWKE** (MINISTERS WILL BE CALLED IN AS NECESSARY)
15. 1800/1830 RECEPTION GIVEN BY HIGH COMMISSIONER IN HONOUR OF PRIME MINISTER AT RESIDENCE
16. 1930 **DINNER OFFERED BY GOVERNOR-GENERAL**
- WEDNESDAY 3 AUGUST
17. 0900 **LEADER OF OPPOSITION CALLS ON PRIME MINISTER**
18. 1000-1040 **VISIT AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL** (LAY WREATH IF APPROPRIATE: WE ARE CHECKING)
19. 1045-1125 **VISIT NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE OR LAURA ASHLEY SHOP**
20. 1130 **NATIONAL PRESS CLUB: SPEECH** AND QUESTION/ANSWER SESSION
21. 1225 RETURN TO HIGH COMMISSIONER'S RESIDENCE
22. 1240 DEPART FOR LUNCH
23. 1245 **LUNCH OFFERED BY MR HAWKE**
24. 1415 DEPART FOR AIRPORT
25. 1440 DEPART CANBERRA (RAAF FAIRBAIRN)
26. 1550 **ARRIVE MELBOURNE**
27. 1620 ARRIVE HILTON HOTEL
28. 1645-1715/1730 **WALKABOUT IN LITTLE COLLINS STREET AND VISIT TO BODY SHOP** (SUBJECT TO SATISFACTORY SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS)
29. 1800 RECEPTION GIVEN BY HIGH COMMISSIONER IN HONOUR OF PRIME MINISTER
30. 1930 RECEIVED BY PREMIER OF VICTORIA

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## OFFICIAL DINNER OFFERED BY STATE GOVERNMENT

THURSDAY 4 AUGUST

31. 0800 LIVE AUSTRALIAN BREAKFAST TV OR RECORDED  
MELBOURNE TV STATION INTERVIEW
32. 0830 VISIT HAWKER DE HAVILLAND FACTORY
33. 0930 DEPART FOR AIRPORT
34. 1000 DEPART MELBOURNE
35. 1110 ARRIVE SYDNEY
36. 1135 ARRIVE REGENT HOTEL
37. 1215 CALL ON PREMIER OF NEW SOUTH WALES
38. 1245 LUNCH OFFERED BY PREMIER (POSSIBLY ON BOARD  
SYDNEY HARBOUR CRUISE).
39. 1415 VISIT FERRANTI HIGH-TECH TRAINERS, ROYAL  
AUSTRALIAN NAVY, WATSONS BAY
40. 1445 DEPART FOR CITY CENTRE BY BOAT
41. 1515- VISIT VIRGIN MEGASTORE, DARLING HARBOUR,  
1615 POWERHOUSE MUSEUM AND WALKABOUT
42. 1730- RECEPTION GIVEN BY HIGH COMMISSIONER IN  
1900 HONOUR OF PRIME MINISTER AT REGENT HOTEL
43. 1930-1945 LIVE NATIONAL TELEVISION INTERVIEW
44. 2000 PRIME MINISTER HOSTS DINNER FOR PROMINENT  
AUSTRALIAN AND BRITISH BUSINESSMEN

FRIDAY 5 AUGUST

45. 0700 DEPART HOTEL
46. 0730 DEPART SYDNEY



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47. 0845 ARRIVE BRISBANE
48. 0910 ARRIVE SHERATON HOTEL (PRESS TO HILTON)
49. 1000 CALL ON PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND
50. 1045 ARRIVE WORLD EXPO 88: CALL ON COMMISSIONER-GENERAL AND CHAIRMAN OF EXPO, 5-MINUTE SPEECH OPENING BRITISH DAY, TOUR AUSTRALIAN AND QUEENSLAND PAVILIONS
51. 1300 OFFICIAL LUNCH OFFERED BY COMMISSIONER-GENERAL OF EXPO
52. 1430 TOUR BRITISH PAVILION
53. 1515 FINAL PRESS CONFERENCE AT EXPO MEDIA CENTRE, FOLLOWED BY INTERVIEWS WITH BRITISH MEDIA
54. 1615-1715 TOUR BRITISH STORE PROMOTION IN TOWN CENTRE
55. 1830 OFFICIAL RECEPTION OFFERED BY STATE GOVERNMENT
56. 2000 ATTEND 'LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS' AT EXPO 88
57. 2120-2200 ATTEND END OF ROYAL BALLET PERFORMANCE 'RITE OF SPRING'
58. LATER BRIEFLY ATTEND HIGH COMMISSIONER'S RECEPTION FOR ROYAL BALLET CAST AND OTHERS

SATURDAY 6 AUGUST

59. 0730 DEPART HOTEL
60. 0740 VISIT YOUNG ENDEAVOUR (MR. ARTHUR WELLER TO PRESENT SPECIAL PHOTOGRAPH ALBUM)
61. 0835 DEPART FOR AIRPORT
62. 0900 DEPART BRISBANE.

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MY TELNOS 341 AND 347 : PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA

1. THE FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS HAVE NOW CONSIDERED THE DRAFT PROGRAMME WHICH I HAVE ALSO DISCUSSED WITH THE CONSULS-GENERAL. MIFT CONTAINS THE REVISED DRAFT. SOME ITEMS STILL REQUIRE FURTHER INVESTIGATION HERE BUT THE DRAFT PROGRAMME IS NOW BROADLY READY FOR DECISIONS IN LONDON. MY SECOND I F T CONTAINS SOME SEPARATE SUGGESTIONS FOR MR THATCHER.

2. HAVING IN THE PAST BEEN INVOLVED IN THE PREPARATION OF PRIME MINISTERIAL VISITS ABROAD I AM MUCH IMPRESSED BY THE SPECIAL COMPLEXITY OF THIS ONE. THIS IS CAUSED BY

(A) THE NEED FOR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO KEEP CONSULTING THE STATES GOVERNMENTS ABOUT THE DETAILS OF THE PROGRAMME (THEIR LAST ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS TOOK MOST OF MAY):

(B) THE BURDEN UNDER WHICH THE AUSTRALIAN ORGANISERS ARE LABOURING IN THIS BICENTENNIAL YEAR. IN JULY AND AUGUST ALONE (SEE PATEY'S TELELETTER OF 30 MAY) THEY HAVE 9 OFFICIAL VISITORS, INCLUDING 4 PRIME MINISTERS, IN ADDITION TO MRS THATCHER.

3. WE SHALL BE VERY CONSIDERABLY HANDICAPPED IF WE HAVE TO TRY TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE PROGRAMME DURING JULY. I SHOULD THEREFORE BE MOST GRATEFUL IF FIRM DECISIONS COULD NOW BE TAKEN ON THE ACCEPTABILITY OF THE PROGRAMME IN MIFT AND ON OTHER QUESTIONS IDENTIFIED IN THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS.

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4. THESE HAVE BEEN SELECTED BY THE FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE SECURITY CRITERIA WHICH WE PASSED TO THEM EARLIER. GIVEN THE CRUSH OF BICENTENNIAL VISITORS IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO CHANGE BOOKINGS LATER. ANY OBSERVATIONS SHOULD THEREFORE BE MADE NOW.

HIGH PROFILE EVENTS (YOUR TELNO 233)



5. WE HAVE INCORPORATED A GOOD MANY MORE BUT WE ARE CONSTRAINED BY THE STATE GOVERNMENTS' WISHES TO ENTERTAIN THE PRIME MINISTER AND BY GEOGRAPHY: MOST BRITISH COMMERCIAL ORGANISATIONS HERE ARE FAR FROM THE CITY CENTRES OR AIRPORTS AND IT WOULD NOT BE EASY TO FIND TIME IN THE PROGRAMME TO VISIT THEM, EVEN BY HELICOPTER. BUT I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE PROGRAMME AS IT NOW STANDS WILL PROVIDE A GREAT DEAL OF EXPOSURE TO THE MEDIA.

## SPEECHES

6. THE AUSTRALIANS SAY THAT IN ADDITION TO SPEECHES AT THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB AND EXPO 88, THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD NORMALLY BE EXPECTED TO SAY A FEW WORDS (3 MINUTES MAXIMUM) AT THE 4 DINNERS AND THE 3 LUNCHEES. IF THE PRIME MINISTER, AS I HOPE, AGREES TO OPEN ROLLS ROYCE'S FACTORY, A SHORT SPEECH WILL BE REQUIRED THERE TOO. ALTHOUGH THIS LOOKS A VERY TALL ORDER, IN PRACTICE IT WOULD NOT BE. THE STANDARD OF SPEECHES HERE IS NOT HIGH AND THE REQUIREMENT AT THE VARIOUS MEALS CAN BE MET WITHOUT PREPARATION. HOWEVER, IF YOU WISH US TO DO SO, WE COULD ASK THE AUSTRALIANS TO HAVE NO SPEECHES AT ALL AT THE MEALS.

## PERTH

7. IN THE LIGHT OF YOUR TELNO 286, I RECOMMEND THAT THE PRIME MINISTER AGREES TO OPEN ROLLS ROYCE'S NEW FACTORY FOR TURBINE BLADES. I THINK THIS WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT AND BUSINESS-LIKE EVENT WITH WHICH TO BEGIN THE VISIT TO AUSTRALIA. IT WOULD EMPHASISE THE PRIME MINISTER'S INTEREST IN PROMOTING BRITISH INDUSTRY, AND IN BRINGING ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY TO AUSTRALIA, AS WELL AS OUR INTEREST IN WORKING THROUGH JOINT VENTURES WITH AUSTRALIAN FIRMS. THERE HAS BEEN A SUGGESTION FROM THE AUSTRALIANS THAT THE PRIME MINISTER MIGHT OPEN THE FACTORY TOGETHER WITH THE FEDERAL MINISTER OF DEFENCE (BEAZLEY) AND THE STATE PREMIER (DOWDING). IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO OBJECT TO THIS IF IT IS PRESSED. BEAZLEY IS THE LEADING FEDERAL LABOR POLITICIAN IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA AND AN ANGLOPHILE. THE STATE GOVERNMENT HAS INVESTED MONEY IN THE NEW PLANT SO THE PRESENCE OF THE LABOR PREMIER HAS SOME JUSTIFICATION. ARE YOU CONTENT TO GO ALONG WITH THIS SUGGESTION IF IT IS PURSUED?

## CANBERRA

8. IN MAY 1979 THE PRIME MINISTER PLANTED A TREE AT THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S RESIDENCE. IT IS IN VERY GOOD HEALTH AND SHOWS



9 YEARS OF STURDY GROWTH. WOULD MRS THATCHER BE PREPARED TO PLANT ANOTHER TREE 9 YEARS ON? THIS EVENT WOULD HAVE A GOOD DEAL OF MEDIA INTEREST.

9. IN CANBERRA, AS IN THE OTHER CAPITALS VISITED EXCEPT PERTH WHERE THERE IS NOT TIME, I HAVE IT IN MIND TO GIVE A RECEPTION FOR AROUND 200 LEADING PEOPLE TO MEET THE PRIME MINISTER AND MR THATCHER. IF SOME SUCH EVENT IS NOT INCLUDED THERE WILL BE MUCH DISAPPOINTMENT IN ALL PLACES. I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR A FIRM DECISION NOW ON WHETHER THESE RECEPTIONS SHOULD BE INCLUDED SO THAT THE RATHER COMPLICATED WORK OF DRAWING UP GUEST LISTS AND MAKING ARRANGEMENTS IN THE VARIOUS CAPITALS CAN BEGIN. ( I SHOULD ALSO BE GRATEFUL TO KNOW FROM CONFERENCE DEPARTMENT WHETHER, IF NECESSARY, MY FRAIS CAN BE SUPPLEMENTED FOR THE PURPOSE.)

10. THE GOVERNOR GENERAL IS VERY KEEN TO HOST A MEAL FOR THE PRIME MINISTER. THIS WOULD MEAN THAT SHE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO HOST RECIPROCAL ENTERTAINMENT FOR MR HAWKE. WE THINK THAT IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES WE SHOULD ACCEPT THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S OFFER.

## SYDNEY

11. THE AUSTRALIANS HAVE KINDLY OFFERED THEIR PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICIAL RESIDENCE , KIRIBILLI HOUSE, TO MRS THATCHER FOR THE DURATION OF HER STAY IN SYDNEY. HOWEVER, IT IS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF SYDNEY HARBOUR, SOME 20 MINUTES DRIVE FROM THE CITY CENTRE AND FROM THE RECOMMENDED HOTEL FOR THE DELEGATION. I FEAR THAT A GOOD DEAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE DIFFICULTY WOULD BE CAUSED BY ACCEPTING THIS ARRANGEMENT. I BELIEVE THAT THE AUSTRALIANS WILL UNDERSTAND IF WE COURTEOUSLY DECLINE THE INVITATION AND I THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT THE PRIME MINISTER STAYS AT THE REGENT HOTEL IN THE CITY CENTRE.

## BRISBANE

12. THE STATE GOVERNMENT WISHES TO OFFER HOSPITALITY TO THE PRIME MINISTER. AS THE LUNCH SHOULD BE HOSTED BY THE COMMISSIONER-GENERAL OF EXPO 88, THE STATE GOVERNMENT SHOULD HOST A BUFFET/ RECEPTION IN THE EARLY EVENING.

13. MR ARTHUR WELLER, WHO FINANCED MUCH OF THE YOUNG ENDEAVOUR PROJECT, HAS ASKED WHETHER HE COULD PRESENT TO THE PRIME MINISTER A SPECIAL PHOTOGRAPH ALBUM RELATING TO THE YOUNG ENDEAVOUR

PROJECT. I SUGGEST THAT HE DOES THIS DURING THE COURSE OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO YOUNG ENDEAVOUR. AGREED?

14. THERE WILL BE SOME LINCOLNSHIRE SIXTH FORMERS IN BRISBANE AT THE TIME. WOULD THE PRIME MINISTER LIKE TO MEET THE SCHOOL CHILDREN EITHER AT MY RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE ROYAL BALLET OR DURING A SEPARATE 20-MINUTE MEETING?

TV AND RADIO INTERVIEWS

15. WE HAVE SUGGESTED SPECIFIC INTERVIEWS IN PERTH, MELBOURNE AND SYDNEY. IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO RECORDED INTERVIEWS (WHICH MIGHT BE SUBJECT TO EDITING)? ARE THERE ANY CONDITIONS RELATING TO SUCH INTERVIEWS? OR WOULD YOU PREFER TO LEAVE THESE MATTERS TO BE SETTLED DURING THE RECONNAISSANCE VISIT?

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FROM: W C PATEY, CANBERRA  
FOLLOWING FOR: MRS QUINN, SPD, FCO

AUSTRALIAN HIGH-LEVEL VISITS

1. YOU MAY FIND IT USEFUL TO HAVE A LIST OF FORTHCOMING HIGH-LEVEL VISITS TO AUSTRALIA:

JUNE

KING AND QUEEN OF SPAIN, 13-19

JULY

- PRIME MINISTER OF JAPAN, 1-5
- DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER OF USSR (KAMENTSEV), 4-8
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- PRIME MINISTER OF IRELAND, 10-17
- GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF NEW ZEALAND, 13-17
- PRIME MINISTER OF SRI LANKA, 18-24

AUGUST

- PRESIDENT OF NAURU, 6-12
- PRIME MINISTER OF NEW ZEALAND, 16-21
- PRESIDENT OF THE EC, LATE AUGUST/EARLY SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

- CHANCELLOR KOHL, 3-7
- PRESIDENT COSSIGA OF ITALY, 10-17
- PRIME MINISTER OF THAILAND

NOVEMBER

- PRINCE ALBERT OF BELGIUM, LEADING AN ECONOMIC MISSION
- QUEEN OF NETHERLANDS, 24-25



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2. YOU WILL NOTE THAT MR HAUGHEY WILL BE HERE A FEW WEEKS BEFORE MRS THATCHER. IRISH MATTERS WILL THEREFORE BE VERY MUCH TO THE FORE WHEN THE PRIME MINISTER ARRIVES.

SIGNED: W C PATEY

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Sydney. He hopes you

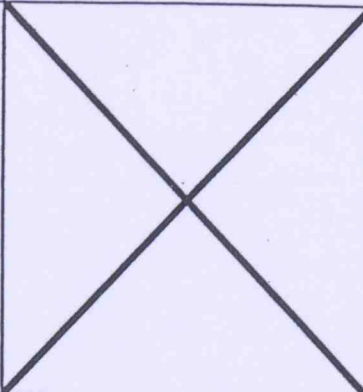
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*From the Private Secretary*

25 May 1988

**PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA**

Thank you for your letter of 25 May about the inclusion of support staff in the party for the Prime Minister's visit to Australia. I agree with what you propose.

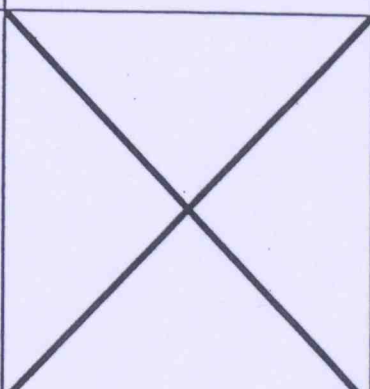
Incidentally Carol Thatcher is now likely to be a member of the party and will take responsibility for looking after the Prime Minister's wardrobe (i.e. we shall not have anyone else in the party to do that).

(C. D. POWELL)

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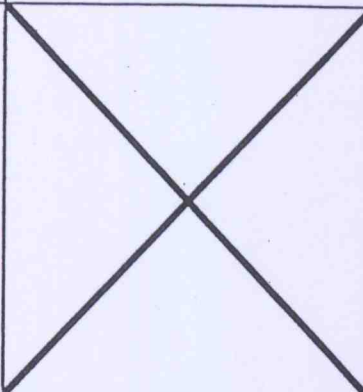
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TELNO 352  
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FOLLOWING STRICTLY PERSONAL FOR CHARLES POWELL, 10 DOWNING STREET  
YOUR TELNO MISC 175: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT

1. THANK YOU FOR THIS INFORMATION.

2. I WILL AWAIT FURTHER DETAILS BUT MEANWHILE YOU MAY LIKE TO  
KNOW THAT:

A. THERE IS NOT MUCH TIME IN THE PERTH PART OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S  
PROGRAMME. A PROPOSAL THAT SHE SHOULD OPEN A NEW JOINT VENTURE  
BETWEEN ROLLS ROYCE AND AN AUSTRALIAN FIRM SHOULD REACH  
YOU IN DUE COURSE FROM THE FCO. I WOULD MUCH PREFER THAT TO THE  
WINERY AND I DOUBT IF THERE WILL BE TIME FOR BOTH.

B. A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN VISITS TO AUSTRALIA AND MOST OTHER  
COUNTRIES IS THAT HERE WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF  
THE STATES AS WELL AS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THE LATTER ARE  
AT PRESENT DISCUSSING WITH THE STATE GOVERNMENTS POSSIBLE  
ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PRIME MINISTER AND I AM WAITING TO SEE  
WHAT THEY COME UP WITH. BUT THERE WILL OBVIOUSLY BE CERTAIN  
MINIMUM OFFICIAL ENGAGEMENTS IN PERTH WHICH CANNOT BE AVOIDED  
WITHOUT CAUSING GREAT OFFENCE (I HAVE JUST BEEN THERE AND IT IS  
A VERY SMALL TOWN ATMOSPHERE).

C. ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM LONDON WE HAVE PUT TO THE FEDERAL  
GOVERNMENT OUR SECURITY CRITERIA FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S  
ACCOMMODATION AND ARE WAITING TO SEE WHERE THEY, AS THE HOSTS,  
WOULD PROPOSE TO ACCOMMODATE HER.

3. ALL FURTHER SUNSHINE WELCOME. IT SEEMS TO DO NOTHING BUT RAIN  
HERE.

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STRICTLY PERSONAL FOR THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FROM CHARLES POWELL,  
10 DOWNING STREET

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT

I SHOULD WARN YOU THAT THE PRIME MINISTER IS SEEKING IDEAS FOR  
HER PROGRAMME BOTH FROM CAROL (WHO IS NOW LIKELY TO ACCOMPANY  
HER) AND FROM ALISTAIR MCALPINE. THE ONLY SPECIFIC SUGGESTION  
THAT THE LATTER HAS SO FAR COME FORWARD WITH IS THAT THE PRIME  
MINISTER SHOULD VISIT A WINERY NEAR PERTH. I WILL ENCOURAGE  
BOTH OF THEM TO PRODUCE THEIR SUGGESTIONS RAPIDLY SO THAT WE  
HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO DEAL WITH THEM AS APPROPRIATE.  
ALISTAIR IS OFFERING THE PRIME MINISTER HIS HOUSE IN THE MIDDLE  
OF PERTH TO STAY IN WHILE SHE IS THERE. SHE IS INCLINED TO ACCEPT  
UNLESS THERE ARE STRONG ARGUMENTS AGAINST EG SECURITY. ALISTAIR  
IS ALSO KEEN THAT SHE SHOULD STAY AT THE INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL  
IN SYDNEY (CHAIRMAN, ALISTAIR MCALPINE).  
THIS IS JUST TO BRING A LITTLE SUNSHINE INTO YOUR LIFE. PLEASE  
ADDRESS ANY REPLY DIRECT TO ME.

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*From the Private Secretary*

19 May 1988

*See Tony,*

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA

Thank you for your letter of 13 May on the vexed question of the aircraft for the Prime Minister's visit to Australia.

I have had a couple of discussions with Colin Marshall of British Airways. The upshot is that the only aircraft they could make available at that time is Concorde and there are considerable disadvantages to using it. It would need to make more stops than a subsonic aircraft, the accommodation is quite limited and the full charter cost would be £700,000. Added to that it is of course a rather temperamental aircraft.

*Br* I have not pursued the idea of the British Aerospace Airbus A300 or the loan of a Virgin Atlantic aircraft. So we are really left with the RAF VC10 and shall have to resign ourselves to travelling in greater discomfort, with the only consolation that there will be a fair number of stops. We shall have to try to arrange matters so that we have space for at least 12/15 press. In the light of Canberra telegram number 331 we shall also have to allow two seats on internal journeys for the High Commissioner and his wife, although we clearly cannot take his information officer or any Australian officials. Could you please let me see a revised layout, or perhaps alternative layouts, which would meet our requirements as well as possible. In one alternative you should dispense with the beds in the forward cabin to allow more room for additional seats.

*your sincerely,  
Chris Powell*

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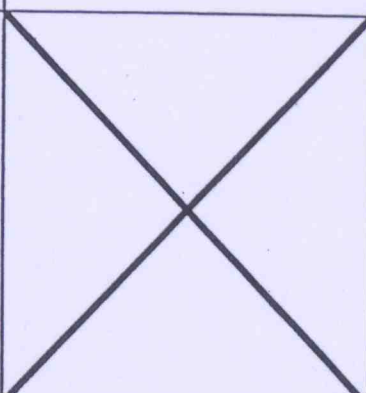
Protocol Dept have drawn the attached telegram to our attention. (It was not originally copied to you as it follows correspondence about their reconnaissance trip)

You may wish to note para 4. I believe internal flight arrangements are currently under consideration.

Keith

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From the Private Secretary

13 May 1988

Dear Tom,

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA: SPEECHES

We have agreed that the Prime Minister will give only one major speech in Australia, at the National Press Club in Canberra. I should be grateful if the High Commission and the Department could start work on a draft for this. It would be helpful to have it by Friday 1 July.

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At the same time, the draft programme provides for the Prime Minister to attend several lunches and dinners where she will no doubt be called upon to make a number of - possibly impromptu - speeches. It would be helpful to have material collected for these, including appropriate local references, both historical and current. And can some one please come up with some usable funny stories about Britain and Australia!

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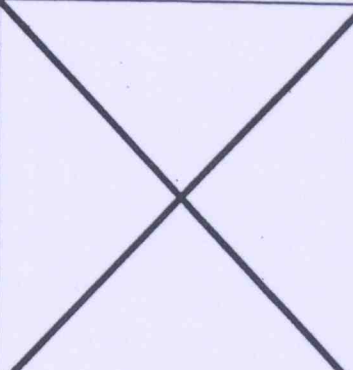
Yours sincerely,

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YOUR TELNOS 233 AND 234: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA

1. I MET SENIOR OFFICIALS FROM THE AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT ON 5 MAY TO DISCUSS THE VISIT. PRIOR TO THIS WE HAD REVISED DRAFT PROGRAMME A TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF YOUR COMMENTS IN FIRST T U R AND THE LIKELY ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES GIVEN IN SECOND T U R.

2. I GAVE A COPY OF THE REVISED DRAFT PROGRAMME TO THE OFFICIALS, EXPLAINING THAT THERE WAS NO FIRM COMMITMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER TO VISIT IN EARLY AUGUST AND THAT THE DRAFT REPRESENTED ONLY OUR INITIAL IDEAS. THE OFFICIALS SAID THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO OBTAIN VIEWS FROM THE STATE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED ABOUT OUR IDEAS AND THAT THE STATES MIGHT HAVE THEIR OWN IDEAS ABOUT HOSPITALITY AND OTHER EVENTS. THEY UNDERTOOK TO CARRY OUT THE CONSULTATIONS DISCREETLY. THEY AIM TO GIVE US A RESPONSE TO THE DRAFT, INCORPORATING STATES' VIEWS, IN TWO WEEKS. I SHALL THEN TELEGRAPH AN AMENDED DRAFT CVPROGRAMME FOR YOUR FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

3. ON THE TIMING OF A RECONNAISSANCE VISIT BY PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT, THE OFFICIALS THOUGHT THEY WOULD BE READY TO RECEIVE SUCH A VISIT SOME TIME IN THE SECOND HALF OF JUNE. I REALISE THAT THIS IS SOMEWHAT LATER THAN YOU WOULD HAVE PREFERRED BUT I THINK WE MUST BE GUIDED BY THE AUSTRALIANS. THEY ARE BEST PLACED TO JUDGE WHEN THE STATES' GOVERNMENTS WILL BE READY AND ALL ARE MUCH INVOLVED WITH PLANNING FOR VISITS BY MANY HEADS OF STATE IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF YOU COULD SUGGEST DATES IN THE SECOND HALF OF JUNE AND ALSO DATES FOR ANY SEPARATE SECURITY RECONNAISSANCE WHICH MAY BE PLANNED.

4. I RAISED THE QUESTION OF CONTACTS WITH THE FEDERAL OPPOSITION. THE OFFICIALS SAID THAT IT WOULD BE NORMAL FOR MRS THATCHER TO HAVE A PRIVATE MEETING WITH THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION. SUCH A MEETING SHOULD BE AFTER NOT BEFORE THE FORMAL MEETING WITH THE AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER. IF ANYTHING MORE THAN THIS

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WAS PROPOSED THEY WOULD WISH TO CHECK AND LET US HAVE AUSTRALIAN VIEWS. IT WOULD CERTAINLY BE NECESSARY TO GUARD AGAINST ANY EVENT BEING PUBLICLY EXPLOITED FOR PARTY POLITICAL PURPOSES. I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR FURTHER GUIDANCE.

5. IN ORDER THAT THE AUSTRALIANS CAN START PLANNING FOR THE VISIT, THEY WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

A. WHAT IS YOUR ESTIMATE OF THE NUMBERS OF OFFICIALS, SUPPORT STAFF AND PRESS WHO WOULD ACCOMPANY THE PRIME MINISTER ?.

B. WOULD THE RAF VC 10 BE USED FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S INTERNAL FLIGHTS IN AUSTRALIA ?. THE AUSTRALIANS WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION AND WOULD PAY HANDLING, REFUELLING AND CATERING COSTS.

C. WOULD THE PRIME MINISTER PROPOSE TO BRING GIFTS ?. I RECOMMEND THAT SHE DOES SO, FOR THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL, PRIME MINISTER HAWKE AND STATE PREMIERS. EXPENSIVE GIFTS ARE NOT REPEAT NOT THE AUSTRALIAN HABIT, SO MRS THATCHER COULD BRING COMPARATIVELY MODEST ONES.

6. WE ARE FAXING TO YOU AND PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT A COPY OF THE LATEST AUSTRALIAN GUIDANCE FOR VISITS BY HEADS OF GOVERNMENT.

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*From the Private Secretary*

4 May, 1988.

#### PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA

Thank you for your letter of 3 May with the revised itinerary for the Prime Minister's visit to Australia. I take your point about plunging into a working visit to Singapore after a long flight. But the only engagement which the Prime Minister wants in Singapore is a talk, perhaps over dinner, with Lee Kuan Yew. I suggest therefore that we allow several hours for recuperation in Singapore, with no meeting planned before 1700/1800. With this proviso, I am content with the revised timings, and agree that you should now consult the posts concerned.

The question of the aircraft remains difficult. The main constraint is the size of the press party. This will depend in part on how much we charge: but on the basis of our experience, it is likely comfortably to exceed the eight provided for in the RAF seating plan.

At the same time I am sceptical of the British Airways' quotation for a charter. Does it have to be a Tristar? Are there not other and smaller aircraft - 757/767 or Airbus - which might be available and cheaper? Are British Airways at the Lord King/Sir Colin Marshall level really going to slap an opportunity cost on us?

I think all this needs a bit more work before we reach a decision, in particular the following questions:

- what would we have to charge the press for seats for this trip on an RAF VC10?
- will the RAF be sending a back-up aircraft which could be used for the press?
- would it be possible to fly some of the RAF and security support personnel out to Australia and back from Thailand by commercial means, leaving more space for the press on the VC10 for the longer stages of the trip? We could be more cramped on the shorter stages within Australia and from Australia to

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Thailand.

- are there cheaper alternatives to chartering a Tristar from British Airways?

- do they seriously intend to charge us an opportunity cost? (I would be ready to pursue this with Lord King or Sir Colin Marshall when we have the answers to the other points.)

I should be grateful if this could be looked at further.

C.D. Powell

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cc PC  
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3 May 1988

*Sea Charles,*Prime Minister's visit to Australia

In your letter of 25 April you asked for some minor modifications to be made to the outward and return journeys. The revised itineraries (using a VC10) are enclosed. Please note that a 2230 hrs departure from Muscat (or Salalah) would mean an arrival in Singapore at 1115 hrs rather than 1015 hrs. This would mean arriving in Singapore for a working visit after 16 hours flying with a break in Oman of only a little over 4 hours on the way.

As you suggested, we have prolonged the stay in Bangkok on the return leg to allow for a less rushed visit to the Thai-Cambodia border. A 1900 hrs departure from Bangkok on Sunday 7 August should get the Prime Minister back to London the following day at 0615 hrs, which should avoid the Monday morning rush hour.

If you are content with these itineraries, we will now ask Posts to consult the Government concerned.

You ask in the last paragraph of your letter of 25 April for a quotation from British Airways for the charter of a larger aircraft for the Prime Minister's visit to Australia. Conference Section have been in touch with the charter division of British Airways. The cost of the operation, ie actual flying and reconfiguration of a Tristar for the whole trip would be £525,000 (this would include fitting tables and beds for the Prime Minister's compartment). There would be no facilities for secure communications or plugs for electric typewriters on this aircraft.

The figure of £525,000 does not, however, cover "lost opportunity cost", ie any necessary cancelling of scheduled services which results in revenue loss including using resources of aircraft and crews. There is, in fact, no Tristar free over the period 30 July to 8 August. If, therefore, British Airways were asked to make one available, the cost quoted would be increased by the lost opportunity cost which would be in the region of £2 million (details of how this cost is arrived at can, of course, be provided, but includes forecast of expected bookings, existing bookings etc).

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I should be grateful to know whether you wish us to pursue further the question of charter from British Airways.

Yours ever,  
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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA

DRAFT ITINERARY  
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USING RAF VC10

Outward Journey

Saturday 30 July

08.00 Depart London for Muscat  
(8 hrs 15 min flying time)

19.15 Arrive Muscat  
Talks with Sultan

23.30 Depart Muscat for Singapore  
(7 hrs 45 min flying time)

Sunday 31 July

11.15 Arrive Singapore  
Talks with Lee  
Overnight stop

Monday 1 August

09.00 Depart Singapore for Perth  
(5 hrs flying time)

14.00 Arrive Perth

Note: Timings may vary by 5 or 10 minutes

Return Journey

DRAFT ITINERARY  
(AS AT 29 4 88)  
USING RAF VC10

Saturday 6 August

- 09.00 Depart Brisbane for Singapore  
(7 hrs 55 min flying time)
- 14.55 Arrive Singapore  
Technical stop (1½ hrs)
- 16.25 Depart Singapore for Bangkok  
(2 hrs 20 min flying time)
- 17.45 Arrive Bangkok  
Overnight stop

Sunday 7 August

- Talks with Prem
- Visit Cambodian border by helicopter
- 19.00 Depart Bangkok for Bahrain  
(8 hrs 25 mins flying time)
- 23.25 Arrive Bahrain  
Technical stop (1 hr)

Monday 8 August

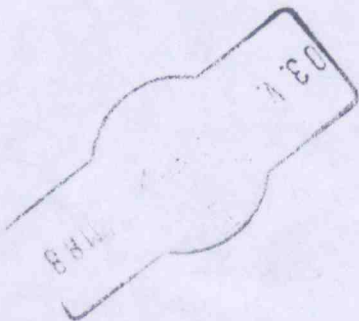
- 00.25 Depart Bahrain for LHR  
(7 hrs 50 mins flying time)
- 06.15 Arrive LHR

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27 April, 1988.

*From the Private Secretary*

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA

I have seen copies of Canberra telegrams 280, 281 and 282 dealing with the Prime Minister's visit to Australia. You may find it helpful to have some comments:

- the Prime Minister is keen to visit Perth, and we should keep it in the programme. This means working on the basis of Programme A;
- under the revised proposals which I put to you in my letter of 25 April, the Prime Minister could arrive in Perth by 1400 on 1 August. That would leave ample time for engagements in Perth that day. I think the Prime Minister might prefer the engagements in question to receiving a succession of Ministers in Canberra (as envisaged in Programme B);
- an alternative - which I favour less but need not be discarded completely - would be to stop-over in Perth on the return journey. It would substitute for the technical stop-over in Singapore while en route Brisbane-Bangkok;
- Mr. Thatcher will on present plans accompany the Prime Minister. I am not expecting any other member of the Prime Minister's family to do so;
- Programme A is a broadly acceptable basis for planning. My main concern about it is the preponderance of lunches, dinners and receptions, and the relative lack of 'hard' newsworthy events except at EXPO 88. Perhaps this is inevitable for this sort of visit to Australia. But would it be heretical to suggest dropping the lunches on 3 and/or 4 August and either the dinner or the reception on 3 August? And perhaps add one or two events such as walkabouts or visits which would attract some media coverage?
- as regards the Opposition, I agree that we need to tread carefully. Under Programme A there is in fact no provision for calls by Opposition leaders in Canberra, only

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a meeting in Sydney. I would have thought that enough. But Mr. Coles should be aware that Mr. Howard wrote to the Prime Minister in February saying that he hoped she would make time available for an appropriate Liberal Party-sponsored function, and mentioned hosting a public luncheon in Sydney. The Prime Minister replied only that she would bear the suggestion in mind.

- subject to these points, I would be content for Mr. Coles to discuss a programme on these lines with the Australian authorities without commitment.

C.D. Powell

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PROGRAMME B

SUNDAY 31 JULY

1.	LATE AFTERNOON	ARRIVE PERTH
2.		TO HOTEL
3.	(IF TIME)	SWAN RIVER CRUISE
4.	1930	OFFICIAL DINNER
5.	2100	AUSTRALIAN BREAKFAST TV AND ABC RADIO INTERVIEWS

MONDAY 1 AUGUST

6.	0800	VISIT BRITISH-CONNECTED INSTITUTION OR SWAN RIVER CRUISE
7.	0930	DEPART PERTH FOR CANBERRA
8.	1530	ARRIVE CANBERRA
9.	1550	ARRIVE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S RESIDENCE
10.	1630	CALL ON GOVERNOR-GENERAL
11.	1715	CALL ON PRIME MINISTER HAWKE
12.	2015	DINNER OFFERED BY MR HAWKE

TUESDAY 2 AUGUST

13.	0900	LEADER OF OPPOSITION CALLS ON PRIME MINISTER
14.	0945	VISIT AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL
15.	1015	VISIT NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE
16.	1100	NATIONAL PRESS CLUB: SPEECH AND QUESTION/ANSWER SESSION
17.	1215	RETURN TO HIGH COMMISSIONER'S RESIDENCE
18.	1230	LUNCH HOSTED BY PRIME MINISTER
19.	1500	FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE MINISTER CALLS ON PRIME MINISTER
20.	1545	DEFENCE MINISTER CALLS ON PRIME MINISTER

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21. 1630 LEADER OF NATIONAL PARTY CALLS ON

PRIME MINISTER

22. 1730 MEET HIGH COMMISSION STAFF  
23. 1830 RECEPTION IN HONOUR OF PRIME MINISTER  
HOSTED BY HIGH COMMISSIONER  
24. 2015 PRIVATE SUPPER

WEDNESDAY 3 AUGUST

25. 0735 DEPART RESIDENCE  
26. 0800 DEPART CANBERRA FOR MELBOURNE  
27. 0900 ARRIVE MELBOURNE  
28. 0940 ARRIVE HOTEL  
29. 1030-1200 VISITS IN MELBOURNE  
30. 1230 OFFICIAL LUNCH ?  
31. 1430 MELBOURNE TV STATION INTERVIEW  
32. 1500 VISIT BRITISH FIRM OR CAPTAIN COOK'S  
COTTAGE  
33. 1700 RECEPTION IN HONOUR OF PRIME MINISTER,  
GIVEN BY HIGH COMMISSIONER  
34. 1900 OFFICIAL DINNER

THURSDAY 4 AUGUST

35. 0820 DEPART HOTEL  
36. 0900 DEPART MELBOURNE FOR SYDNEY  
37. 1000 ARRIVE SYDNEY  
38. 1030 ARRIVE HOTEL  
39. 1130 VISIT IN SYDNEY  
40. 1230 OFFICIAL LUNCH ?  
41. 1500 VISIT DEFENCE ESTABLISHMENT  
42. 1600 PRIVATE MEETING HOSTED BY LEADER OF  
OPPOSITION  
43. 1800 RECEPTION IN HONOUR OF PRIME MINISTER  
GIVEN BY HIGH COMMISSIONER  
44. 1930 PRIME MINISTER HOSTS DINNER FOR  
PROMINENT BRITISH AND AUSTRALIAN  
BUSINESSMEN. FOLLOWED BY AUSTRALIAN  
BREAKFAST TV INTERVIEW

FRIDAY 5 AUGUST

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45. 0700 DEPART HOTEL  
46. 0730 DEPART SYDNEY FOR BRISBANE  
47. 0900 ARRIVE BRISBANE  
48. 0930 ARRIVE HOTEL  
49. 1045 ARRIVE WORLD EXPO 88, CALL ON  
COMMISSIONER-GENERAL, 5 MINUTE SPEECH  
OPENING BRITISH DAY, TOUR AUSTRALIAN  
AND QUEENSLAND PAVILIONS  
50. 1300 OFFICIAL LUNCH  
51. 1430 TOUR BRITISH PAVILION  
52. 1515 VISIT YOUNG ENDEAVOUR  
53. 1545 FINAL PRESS CONFERENCE FOLOWED BY  
I NTERVIEWS WITH BRITISH MEDIA  
54. 1700 RETURN TO HOTEL  
55. 1830 PRIME MINISTER HOSTS RECEPTION/SUPPER  
CRUISE ON PADDLE STEAMER WITH  
PROMINENT AUSTRALIAN AND BRITISH GUESTS  
56. 2000 ATTEND ''LAST NIGHT OF PROMS'' AT EXPO 88  
57. 2100 ATTEND LAST ACT OF ROYAL BALLET  
58. BRIEFLY ATTEND RECEPTION FOR ROYAL  
BALLET CAST AND OTHERS.  
59. RETURN TO HOTEL

SATURDAY 6 AUGUST

60. 0900 TOUR BRITISH STORE PROMOTION IN BRISBANE  
61. 1000 LEAVE BRISBANE TO RETURN TO UK

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PROGRAMME A

MONDAY 1 AUGUST

1.	LATE AFTERNOON	ARRIVE PERTH
2.		TO HOTEL
3.	(IF TIME)	SWAN RIVER CRUISE
4.	1930	OFFICIAL DINNER
5.	2100	AUSTRALIAN BREAKFAST TV AND ABC RADIO INTERVIEWS

TUESDAY 2 AUGUST

6.	0800	DEPART FOR CANBERRA
7.	1400	ARRIVE CANBERRA
8.	1430	ARRIVE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S RESIDENCE
9.	1530	CALL ON GOVERNOR-GENERAL
10.	1615	CALL ON PRIME MINISTER HAWKE
11.	1830	MEET HIGH COMMISSION STAFF
12.	1930	DINNER OFFERED BY PRIME MINISTER HAWKE

WEDNESDAY 3 AUGUST

13.	0900	LEADER OF OPPOSITION CALLS ON PRIME MINISTER
14.	1000	VISIT AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL
15.	1030	VISIT NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE
16.	1130	NATIONAL PRESS CLUB: SPEECH AND QUESTION ANSWER SESSION
17.	1230	RETURN TO HIGH COMMISSIONER'S RESIDENCE
18.	1245	LUNCH HOSTED BY PRIME MINISTER
19.	1430	DEPART FOR MELBOURNE
20.	1530	ARRIVE MELBOURNE
21.	1600	ARRIVE HOTEL
22.	1730	RECEPTION IN HONOUR OF PRIME MINISTER

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23. 1930 GIVEN BY HIGH COMMISSIONER  
OFFICIAL DINNER

THURSDAY 4 AUGUST

24. 0800 BREAKFAST TV INTERVIEW  
25. 0830 VISIT BRITISH FACTORY  
26. 1000 LEAVE FOR SYDNEY  
27. 1100 ARRIVE SYDNEY  
28. 1130 ARRIVE HOTEL  
29. 1230 OFFICIAL LUNCH  
30. 1500 VISIT DEFENCE ESTABLISHMENT  
31. 1600 PRIVATE MEETING HOSTED BY LEADER  
OF OPPOSITION  
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GIVEN BY HIGH COMMISSIONER  
33. 1930 PRIME MINISTER HOSTS DINNER FOR  
PROMINENT BRITISH AND AUSTRALIAN  
BUSINESSMEN

FRIDAY 5 AUGUST

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35. 0900 ARRIVE BRISBANE  
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SATURDAY 6 AUGUST

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49. 1000

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YOUR TELNO 179: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA

1. MY TWO IFT'S CONTAINS ALTERNATIVE OUTLINE PROGRAMMES FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT. THEY HAVE NOT BEEN DISCUSSED AT ALL WITH THE AUSTRALIANS WHO OF COURSE MAY HAVE QUITE OTHER IDEAS. PROGRAMME A IS BASED ON ARRIVAL AT PERTH ON MONDAY, 1 AUGUST, PROGRAMME B ON ARRIVAL ON SUNDAY, 31 JULY.
2. PROGRAMME A IS VERY TIGHT. IT INVOLVES A FLIGHT EVERY DAY, INCLUDING ON THE SECOND DAY THE FOUR HOUR FLIGHT FROM PERTH TO CANBERRA. PROGRAMME B IS SOMEWHAT LESS TIGHT, ALLOWS THE PRIME MINISTER A LITTLE MORE TIME IN PERTH AND A GOOD DEAL MORE IN CANBERRA, BUT IT STILL INVOLVES A LOT OF TIME IN THE AIR.
3. I ORIGINALLY FAVOURED A STOP IN PERTH TO GIVE MRS THATCHER SOME TIME TO REST AFTER THE FLIGHT FROM LONDON BEFORE HER PROGRAMME IN CANBERRA. BUT IF (CULSHAW'S LETTER OF 23 MARCH TO POWELL) A STOP-OVER IS ENVISAGED ELSEWHERE EN ROUTE, THE CASE FOR GOING TO PERTH IS MUCH LESS STRONG. I WOULD RECOMMEND CUTTING IT OUT AND COMING STRAIGHT TO CANBERRA.
4. ON SPEECHES, I RECOMMEND THAT THE MAJOR ONE IS GIVEN AT THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB IN CANBERRA. AT EXPO (BRISBANE) I DOUBT IF THE ENVIRONMENT WILL LEND ITSELF TO A SUBSTANTIAL SPEECH. THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE ON A PLATFORM IN THE OPEN AIR AND THERE WILL BE A GOOD DEAL OF NOISE FROM CROWDS, TRAFFIC ETC. I THEREFORE SUGGEST A SHORTISH (5 MINUTE) SPEECH THERE BUT A SUBSTANTIAL PRESS CONFERENCE LATER IN THE DAY.
5. I HAVE OF COURSE NOT DISCUSSED ANY PROGRAMME DETAILS YET WITH THE AUSTRALIANS THOUGH THEIR PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT WISH TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS WITH ME SOON. AT THAT POINT THE QUESTION WILL ARISE OF WHAT MEETINGS THE PRIME MINISTER SHOULD HAVE WITH THE OPPOSITION. GIVEN LABOR'S RECENT ELECTORAL REVERSES (MY TELNO 276) THAT IS LIKELY TO BE A SENSITIVE POINT. I SEE NO DIFFICULTY ABOUT SUGGESTING THAT JOHN HOWARD (LIBERAL PARTY) AND IAN SINCLAIR (NATIONAL PARTY) SHOULD CALL ON MRS THATCHER

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IN CANBERRA BUT HOWARD IS LIKELY TO PRESS FOR MORE THAN THAT. I HAVE THEREFORE PROVIDED IN THE PROGRAMME FOR A FURTHER PRIVATE MEETING IN SYDNEY WHERE I ENVISAGE THAT HOWARD MIGHT WANT TO HAVE HIS SHADOW CABINET COLLEAGUES PRESENT AND PERHAPS INVITE OTHERS. I DO NOT KNOW HOW THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT WILL REACT TO THAT IDEA.

6. MY PLAN NOW IS THAT, IN THE LIGHT OF YOUR COMMENTS, I SHOULD HAVE PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS OF THE PROGRAMME WITH THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT, DISCUSS THE DETAILS FURTHER WITH THE CONSULS-GENERAL AT OUR MEETING IN CANBERRA ON 30/31 MAY AND THEN TELEGRAPH TO YOU A REVISED DRAFT PROGRAMME.

7. IT WOULD THEREFORE BE HELPFUL TO HAVE ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:-

A. IN THE LIGHT OF PARAGRAPHS 2 AND 3 ABOVE WILL THE PRIME MINISTER STILL START HER PROGRAMME IN PERTH ?.

B. IF SO, ON MONDAY OR SUNDAY ?.

C. WILL MR THATCHER OR ANY OTHER MEMBER OF THE FAMILY ACCOMPANY THE PRIME MINISTER ?.

D. IS PROGRAMME A OR B BROADLY ACCEPTABLE TO NO 10 AS A BASIS FOR PLANNING ?.

E. SHOULD ANY EVENTS BE DELETED OR ADDED ?.

F. MAY I BE AUTHORISED TO TRY TO INCLUDE THE ENGAGEMENTS WITH THE OPPOSITION SUGGESTED IN PARA 5 ABOVE AND TO RESIST ANY PROPOSALS FOR HIGHER PROFILE, MORE PUBLIC MEETINGS WITH THE OPPOSITION, WHICH COULD TURN THE VISIT PRETTY SOUR ?.

8. I PROPOSE TO STICK TO THE LINE IN ANY DISCUSSIONS HERE THAT ALL PROGRAMME PLANNING IS ON A CONTINGENCY BASIS, THAT A FIRM DECISION ON THE VISIT WILL NOT BE TAKEN FOR SOME TIME AND THAT FOR SECURITY AND OTHER REASONS WE WISH TO KEEP THE DATES CONFIDENTIAL.

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From the Private Secretary

25 April 1988

Dear Robert,

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA

Thank you for your letter of 22 April with an itinerary for the Prime Minister's visit to Australia. This is in general very much on the right lines, with some minor modifications. Thus:

- the Prime Minister would want only talks with the Sultan in Muscat (or Salalah) not a more extensive visit. Her preference would therefore be to leave London at say 0800 on Saturday 30 July for talks with the Sultan that evening;
- she would like to leave Muscat (or Salalah) earlier on 31 July, say 0730, to get to Singapore by 1900;
- indeed an alternative would be not to overnight in Muscat (or Salalah) at all but to rejoin the aircraft after dinner, leaving for Singapore at 2330. This would presumably get us to Singapore at about 1015 on 31 July, which would allow an afternoon or early evening meeting. On the whole that would be the Prime Minister's preference;
- we could then make an earlier departure from Singapore on 1 August - say 0900 - getting us to Perth by 1400;
- the Prime Minister would indeed like to visit a refugee camp on the Thai-Cambodia border and we must leave ample time for this. I am inclined to think, therefore, that we should give the Prime Minister slightly longer in Thailand and bargain on getting back to London at breakfast time on Monday 8 August.

I should be grateful if the experts could have one final go at this, without the overnight stop at Muscat (or Salalah), after which we can begin to put forward proposals to the governments concerned.

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There remains the question of the type of aircraft (your letter of 13 April). I do not think that accommodation for eight press men will meet demand. Could Conference Section please obtain a quotation from British Airways for the charter of a larger aircraft for the whole journey so that we can consider that option? Could it be fitted with tables and beds for the Prime Minister's compartment?

Yours sincerely,  
Chris Powell

C. D. POWELL

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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22 April 1988

Dear Charles

Prime Minister  
Does this seem  
on the right lines  
to you?  
CDP

Prime Minister's visit to Australia

Your letter of 14 April asked for revised draft itineraries to allow working stops in the Gulf, Singapore and Thailand.

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The Gulf

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The enclosed itineraries (in which all times are local) include overnight stops in the Gulf and Singapore on the outward journey. For the reasons outlined in my letter of 23 March, Oman remains the preferred stop-over in the Gulf. The itinerary envisages an arrival at Muscat (or Salalah) just after 2000, if departure from London is at 0900.

Given the fairly late arrival time in Muscat/Salalah it is likely that there will be time on the evening of 30 July only for a dinner hosted by the Sultan. Guests would no doubt include senior Omani members of the Royal Family and Ministers. Time could be set aside before dinner for discussion of regional issues (including the risks of more active Soviet involvement in the region). Bilateral exchanges would focus on our future military arrangements with Oman and the future of the British Eastern Relay Station (BERS) at Masirah. The Prime Minister would also no doubt wish to take the opportunity to thank the Omanis for the help given to the Royal Navy.

If the Sultan is in Salalah, which seems probable, the best option for the morning of 31 July might be a small working breakfast with two or three Omani Ministers including Yousuf bin Alawi (Foreign Affairs) and Qais Zawawi (Economic and Financial Affairs). An alternative to this might be a drive along the spectacular coast road. If the meeting takes place in Muscat, alternatives to the working breakfast might be a visit to one of several major projects completed recently by British firms (the Stadium, Royal Hospital or University), or a helicopter visit to RN vessels in a nearby port.

We only need time for a discussion.  
This is not a visit.  
Could be done in London at 0900 and get there earlier so we can board the plane immediately after dinner - 7 for dinner!





### Singapore

In order to have an evening meal or meeting with Lee on Sunday 31 July, it would be necessary to arrive in Singapore no later than 1900. This would involve leaving Oman at 0715 and assumes there are no delays en route to Singapore. It might be better to plan instead on either a working breakfast with Lee on 1 August or on a meeting from 0900 - 1030. An 1115 departure from Singapore would mean an arrival in Perth at 1615, allowing some rest before any evening function.

### Thailand

If the Prime Minister began the return journey from Australia from Brisbane at 0900 on Saturday 6 August, she would reach Bangkok a little before 1800. The RAF advise us that it would not be possible for the VC10 to do this leg non-stop. A technical stop in Singapore would be necessary.

*- Perth?*

The extent of the programme in Thailand would depend on how late the Prime Minister is willing to reach London on the evening of Sunday 7 August. A departure from Bangkok at noon that day would mean an arrival at Heathrow at 2315.

✓ In addition to talks with Prime Minister Prem, the Prime Minister might wish to pay a short visit to a refugee camp on the Thai-Cambodian border. This would be an effective way of underlining our support for Thailand and ASEAN over Cambodia as well as the assistance we provide, both bilaterally and through the UN, to the Cambodian refugees in the border camps. There would be press interest in such a visit. A short visit to the camp at Site 2, which the Foreign Secretary visited last year, should be possible on the morning of 7 August. It would involve a flight of about 1½ hours by helicopter in each direction. Assuming departure for Site 2 at 0730, and one hour at the camp, the Prime Minister could be back at Bangkok airport at 1130 in time for departure at noon. If the Prime Minister is attracted by this proposal, the talks with Prime Minister Prem would have to take place on the evening of Saturday 6 August, possibly over a working dinner.

*Yours ever*

*(Signature)*  
(R N Culshaw)  
Private Secretary

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA

DRAFT ITINERARY  
(AS AT 22 4 88)  
USING RAF VC10

Outward Journey

Saturday 30 July

09.00 Depart London for Muscat  
(8 hrs 15 min flying time)

20.15 Arrive Muscat  
Overnight stop - talks with Sultan

Sunday 31 July

09.00 Depart Muscat for Singapore  
(7 hrs 45 min flying time)

20.45 Arrive Singapore  
Overnight stop - talks with Lee

Monday 1 August

11.15 Depart Singapore for Perth  
(5 hrs flying time)

16.15 Arrive Perth

Note: Timings may vary by 5 or 10 minutes

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Return Journey

DRAFT ITINERARY  
(AS AT 22 4 88)  
USING RAF VC10

Saturday 6 August

09.00 Depart Brisbane for Singapore  
(7 hrs 55 min flying time)

14.55 Arrive Singapore  
Technical stop (1½ hrs)

16.25 Depart Singapore for Bangkok  
(2 hrs 20 min flying time)

17.45 Arrive Bangkok  
Overnight stop -  
Talks with Prem

Sunday 7 August

[am Visit Cambodian border by helicopter]

12.00 Depart Bangkok for Bahrain  
(8 hrs 25 mins flying time)

16.25 Arrive Bahrain  
Technical stop (1 hr)

17.25 Depart Bahrain for LHR  
(7 hrs 50 mins flying time)

23.15 Arrive LHR

Note: Timings might vary by 5 or 10 minutes

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From the Private Secretary

14 April 1988

Dear Robert,

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA

The Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary had some further discussion this evening about places which the Prime Minister might visit on her way to and from Australia (your letter of 31 March to me refers). It was agreed not to pursue the idea of a visit to Fiji and not to include either India or Pakistan in the itinerary. The Prime Minister agreed to consider a visit to Thailand either on the way to Australia or on the way back.

It would be helpful if you could now let me have a revised draft itinerary which would allow working stops in the Gulf, Singapore and Thailand. The Prime Minister's preference, if it can be done, is to stop in the Gulf and Singapore on the way out, and Thailand on the way back, preferably flying direct from Brisbane to Bangkok non-stop. She would envisage a fairly brief visit to Thailand of perhaps half a day and an overnight stop if possible. She would return direct from there to the UK with only a refuelling stop en route.

Yours sincerely,  
Charles Powell

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13 April 1988

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*Joan Charles*

Prime Minister's Visit to Australia

In the final paragraph of my letter of 31 March <sup>at 11.45</sup> about the Prime Minister's visit to Australia, I promised to write again with further information on the mode of travel.

TRISTAR

The RAF have told us that to provide a Tristar for this journey might just be possible but it would be difficult and expensive. They therefore recommend against this option. The RAF have only 2 passenger Tristars. Both of them are in constant use for the Falklands and Cyprus. They would need to commit both of them to the Prime Minister's journey to Australia (one of them as a reserve aircraft), and this would necessitate the charter of two additional Tristar aircraft for the Falklands and Cyprus commitments, at a cost of around £0.8m. The RAF also have insufficient Tristar VIP crews for the extended task entailed in the Prime Minister's tour to Australia, which would call for positioning ship crews along the route. Moreover the RAF's Tristars are fitted with a standard civil configuration (18 first class seats, the balance economy class). There is no furniture available for their conversion to the type of VIP facilities normally provided for the Prime Minister on the VC10.

VC10

The RAF therefore advise the Prime Minister to use a VC10 for the trip. They have provided the enclosed suggested fit and seating plan for a VC10 for the visit. The communications compartment cannot be moved. All seats are "VIP" seats, but there would be no room for the usual foot rests.

All the proposed No 10 party and support staff can be fitted into the "officials" compartment. There is one surplus seat.

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If the accompanying press are to have ample leg room, the number of press seats would have to be restricted to eight. With economy class seating, there would be room for eighteen but this would be very cramped.

*Some more*

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(R N Culshaw)  
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq  
10 Downing Street

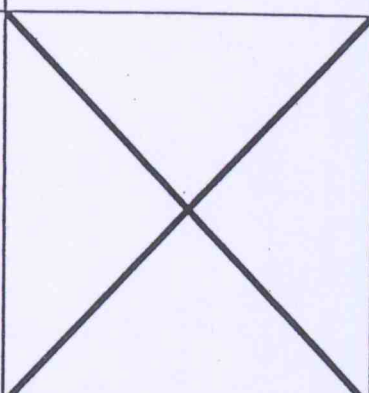
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Jason RONALD

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SKUBT  
cetero.

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LONDON SW1A 2AA

*From the Private Secretary*

12 April 1988

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for the invitation in your letter of 25 March to be guests at a reception during her visit to Australia this year.

Planning for this visit is still at an early stage, and the Prime Minister cannot yet make any firm commitments in what, regrettably, will have to be a very tight programme. She has asked me therefore to write to you later on, once plans for the visit have become a little firmer. In the meantime, she has asked me to send her warm good wishes to all the members of the Australia-Britain Society in Victoria.

(C. D. POWELL)

Mr. Jason Ronald

JPW





Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

12 April 1988

Dear Charles

Prime Minister's Visit to Australia

You asked in your letter of 4 April for advice on an invitation from the Victorian Branch of the Australia-Britain Society to the Prime Minister to attend a reception during her visit to Australia in August.

The Federal Office of the Australia-Britain Society have told our High Commission in Canberra that they are planning to invite the Prime Minister to a meeting in Sydney. Some attention from the Prime Minister would clearly be appreciated by the Australian-Britain Society, but it might be difficult to fit in something in both Sydney and Melbourne. We suggest a holding reply to the Victorian Branch until the programme for the Prime Minister's visit becomes clearer and I attach a draft. We should be happy to arrange for a reply to be delivered through our High Commission in Canberra.

Yours ever

(R N Culshaw)  
Private Secretary

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*Q2.*

Enclosures flag(s) .....

Mr J. RONALD  
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*From the Private Secretary*

ACK | 4 April 1988

I enclose a copy of a letter to the Prime Minister from the State President of the Victorian Branch of the Australia-Britain Society asking her to be a guest at a Society function during her visit to Australia in August.

I should be grateful for advice on whether this is likely to be suitable for the Prime Minister's programme and for a draft reply in due course.

(CHARLES POWELL)

R.N. Culshaw, Esq., M.V.O.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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✓ O/CPrime Minister

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London SW1A 2AH

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31 March 1988

Dear Charles  
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is feasible. CAP 31/3

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Prime Minister's visit to Australia

Thank you for your letter of 27 March conveying the Prime Minister's views about her visit to Australia and the places she might visit en route.

Programme in Australia

We have asked John Coles in Canberra to take into account the Prime Minister's wish to include Perth in the itinerary. We have also asked him for a firm recommendation on where the Prime Minister's one major speech in Australia should be made. We will write again with more detailed proposals once John Coles has had a chance to send us his views.

Possible Stopovers

// Taking into account the Prime Minister's preferences, we have drawn up the two enclosed draft itineraries:

- the first includes stopovers in Islamabad (18 hrs on the ground including rest time in the night) and in Singapore (4½ hrs) on the outward leg, and in New Delhi (5 hrs) and Muscat (9 hrs, including rest time in the night) on the way back;
- the second includes overnight stops in Muscat and Singapore on the way out and a day in Fiji on the return journey (but see below on the merits of this idea).

Middle East

Present indications are that the Sultan may not visit London this summer which would make a stopover in Oman by the Prime Minister more desirable. Depending on where the Sultan is residing, this could be either at Muscat or Salalah, both of which can handle a VC10. (The timings for Salalah would be only marginally different from those on the enclosed draft itinerary.)

Sub-Continent

We agree that it would be right for the Prime Minister to stop in India as well as Pakistan if she is to visit the sub-continent at all. There are powerful arguments for stopovers in both, but also some drawbacks to consider. Much will depend for Pakistan on what happens in the Geneva talks: and for India on how the fraught relationship develops,



especially over the Extradition Treaty. It is still too early to make a recommendation either way. For the time being, it seems best to retain the option of stopovers in both Pakistan and India. Any stopover made in India, however, should be in New Delhi rather than Madras, because Rajiv Gandhi would expect to receive the Prime Minister in New Delhi.

#### South East Asia

The draft itineraries allow for a call at Singapore with enough time for a meal and talks with Lee. The Foreign Secretary strongly supports this idea.

The arguments for a short visit to Thailand are less compelling, but not negligible.

#### Fiji

The Foreign Secretary advises against a visit to Fiji by the Prime Minister in August. It would be a further encouragement to Ratu Mara in his search for a solution to Fiji's problems. But it would give us a higher profile in the difficult task of designing an acceptable constitution than we would wish. And a westabout return would preclude other stopovers which have a much higher priority for British interests. In any case, the international airport in Fiji is at Nadi, on the other side of the main island from Suva; a VC10 cannot land at Suva airport; it would therefore be necessary to take a smaller aircraft for the further journey from Nadi to Suva.

#### Mode of Travel

We have consulted the RAF about the reconfiguration of a VC10 to accommodate the press party in more comfort and the availability of an RAF Tristar. We shall write again as soon as we have their views.

*Don't know*  
*Alan (a)*  
 (R N Culshaw)  
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq  
 PS/No 10 Downing Street



Outward Journey

## Saturday 30 July

10.00 Depart London for Muscat  
(8 hrs 15 min flying time)

21.15 Arrive Muscat  
Technical stop (1½ hrs)

22.45 Depart Muscat for Islamabad  
(3 hrs flying time)

## Sunday 31 July

02.45 Arrive Islamabad  
Rest ) (18 Hrs)  
Talks with Zia and Junejo )

20.45 Depart Islamabad for Singapore  
(7 hrs flying time)

## Monday 1 August

06.45 Arrive Singapore  
Talks with Lee (4½ hrs)

11.15 Depart Singapore for Perth  
(5 hrs flying time)

16.15 Arrive Perth



Return Journey

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Saturday 6 August

- 09.00 Depart Brisbane for Singapore  
(7 hrs 55 min flying time)
- 14.55 Arrive Singapore  
Technical stop (1½ hrs)
- 16.25 Depart Singapore for Delhi  
(5 hrs 25 min flying time)
- 19.20 Arrive Delhi  
Talks with Gandhi (5 hrs)

Sunday 7 August

- 00.20 Depart Delhi for Muscat  
(3 Hrs 40 mins flying time)
- 02.30 Arrive Muscat  
Rest ) 9 hrs  
Talks with Sultan )
- 11.30 Depart Muscat for London  
(8 hrs 40 min flying time)
- 17.10 Arrive London

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Outward Journey

Saturday 30 July

- 09.00 Depart London for Muscat  
(8 hrs 15 min flying time)
- 20.15 Arrive Muscat  
Overnight stop - talks with Sultan

Sunday 31 July

- 09.00 Depart Muscat for Singapore  
(7 hrs 20 min flying time)
- 20.20 Arrive Singapore  
Overnight stop - talks with Lee

Monday 1 August

- 10.00 Depart Singapore for Perth  
(5 hrs flying time)
- 15.00 Arrive Perth

Return Journey

## Saturday 6 August

- 10.00 Depart Brisbane for Nadi  
(3 hrs 20 min flying time)
- 15.20 Arrive Nadi  
Fly to Suva (local aircraft - 30 mins flying time)  
Overnight Suva

## Sunday 7 August

- 14.30 Depart Suva for Nadi
- 15.00 Arrive Nadi
- 15.20 Depart Nadi for Honolulu  
(6 hrs 20 mins flying time)

## CROSS INTERNATIONAL DATELINE

## Saturday 6 August

- 23.40 Arrive Honolulu  
Technical stop (1½ hrs)

## Sunday 7 August

- 01.10 Depart Honolulu for Washington  
(9 hrs 5 mins flying time)
- 16.15 Arrive Washington (Andrews Air Force Base)  
Technical stop (1½ hrs)
- 17.45 Depart Washington for London  
(7 hrs flying time)

## Monday 8 August

- 05.45 Arrive London Heathrow



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THE PRIME MINISTER

28 March 1988

*Dear Mr. Sinclair,*

Thank you very much for your letter about my planned visit to Australia to attend the British Day of EXPO '88 in Brisbane. I am very much looking forward to this and more generally to visiting Australia in its bicentenary year.

It is very good of you to invite me to deliver the Earle Page address during my visit, and I know what an honour this would be, but I must regretfully refuse. I have already taken on far too much for the rest of this year, and would not have time to do justice to the occasion.

I do hope, however, that we shall have a chance to meet. Meanwhile I send you best wishes.

*Yours sincerely*

*Raymond Storer*

The Rt. Hon. Ian Sinclair, M.P.



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It is very good of you to invite me to deliver the Earle Page address during my visit and I know what an honour this would be. But my visit will be brief and will come just at the end of a very busy Parliamentary session here, ~~so I just do not think I can decently take on much in the way of speaking engagements. There is nothing worse than agreeing to deliver an important speech and then not to have the time to do justice to the occasion.~~ I am sure I can count on your understanding.

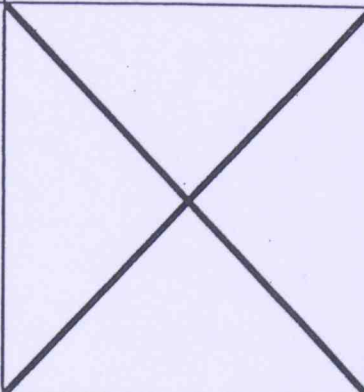
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25th March 1988

The Right Honourable Margaret Thatcher M.P.,  
Prime Minister of the United Kingdom,  
10 Downing Street,  
LONDON SW1A, 2AL  
United Kingdom.

My dear Prime Minister,

There have been numerous reports in the Australian press that you may be joining in our Bi-centenary celebrations during the course of this year.

You mentioned in your speech at the Australian Bi-centennial Banquet on 19th January 1988 that you would probably be visiting Expo 88 in Brisbane during August.

The Australia-Britain Society, Victorian Branch, would very much like you to be our guest at a Reception if you are visiting Victoria, so that our members may have the honour of meeting you.

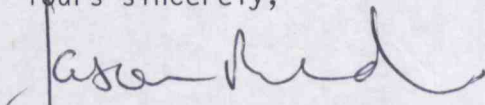
On behalf of the Society I extend an invitation to you and Mr. Thatcher to be our very special guests at an appropriate function that suits your Itinerary.

I was privileged to have the opportunity of meeting you in 1975 at the Royal Melbourne Show when my father was President of the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria, I was subsequently present when you delivered the Sir Robert Menzies Lecture at Monash University and was also fortunate to attend the 1982 Conservative Party Conference at Brighton as an International visitor.

You are held in great respect by many people in Australia and your achievement in being Great Britain's longest continuous serving Prime Minister this century distinguishes you as one of the world's great leaders.

I hope that you will be able to meet the members of the Australia-Britain Society when you visit Australia this year, and look forward to hearing from you at your convenience.

Yours sincerely,

  
Jason Ronald  
STATE PRESIDENT

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Prime Minister

You may like  
to have another  
look at this,  
it would be helpful  
to have a sketch  
on your preferences.

You are of course  
absolutely right: Expo is  
in Brisbane.

CDP 25/3.

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## PRIME MINISTER

## VISIT TO AUSTRALIA

We need to give some preliminary thought to your visit to Australia in August. There are a number of questions to settle.

How long do you want to spend in Australia?

The only specific event for you is British day at Expo 88 in Adelaide on Friday 5 August.

*I thought it was  
Brisbane?*

Other possible engagements are:

- a day in Canberra to meet Mr. Hawke and other members of the Government;

- some time in Sydney and in Melbourne. The Opposition leader has invited you to dinner in Sydney. We have major commercial and economic interests in Melbourne (but you have of course been before);

*Probably  
a must.*

- a visit to Perth. You might like to spend some time there on the way out or back.

*Would like to  
see Perth.*

This points to at least three full working days in Australia, and allowing some time to rest after the journey, it's probably wise to say four days: Tuesday 2 August-Friday 5 August inclusive.

(If you wanted to visit Alistair McAlpine at Broome, you would have to allow at least another day. Broome is three hours flight from Perth, and the VC10 cannot land there.)

Where should you stop on the way to or from Australia?

The VC10 (or Tristar for that matter) needs to make a minimum of two stops on both the outward and return journey. They can be refuelling stops only: or you can make them into visits of half-a-day or more.

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The main candidates are:

- Oman. You have not been since 1981. But the Sultan may be in the UK in late July/early August.

*We could repeat there - perhaps have landing he was in residence which I doubt.*

- UAE. Again you have not been for some time; our commercial interests are substantial, and Sheikh Zaid's State visit is not until mid-1989.

- Pakistan. A stop-over here would demonstrate our solidarity and support for Pakistan at what is likely to be a difficult moment over Afghanistan. But it might necessitate a visit to India as well. *Yes*

- India. There would not be much point if Rajiv Gandhi is still in a deep sulk over Panorama. But you could stop in Madras to see Mr. Alexander (although this might cause some concern in Sri Lanka).

*We could clear this with Sri Lanka*

- Bangkok. You left Thailand off your 1985 itinerary and they have been pressing you since then to go.

- Singapore. You always find a talk with Lee Kuan Yew useful, and he has already sent a message to say that he would love to see you. This could be a meeting at the airport.

*Have to stop - could drink in from the airport section.*

- Fiji. A visit would show conclusively that we do not regard them as beyond the pale; and the Pacifics generally would be greatly chuffed. But it would be a longer journey home and because you were going Westabout would eliminate some of the other options listed above as possible stopovers on the way home.

*May be discuss - this would have implications for our relationship with India.*

Quite apart from what is desirable, one has to think of what is feasible in terms of timing. For instance, to be in Australia by the night of Monday 1 August and assuming departure from London on the morning of Saturday 30 July, you could have half a day each in Pakistan and Thailand but technical stops only in the Gulf and Singapore.



How should you travel?

I have investigated alternatives to the VC10. There is no significant difference in flight time between the VC10 and a Tristar. The Tristar might be more comfortable on a very long journey, but would cost about 50% more. The cost of chartering Concorde for Australia would be about £500,000.

The choice of intermediate stops would be limited. It looks like the VC10.

*- Agreed - but we really must make more comfortable arrangements for the Press.*

I suggest that you indicate in order of priority the places where you would like to stop-over, and we will then work out a detailed itinerary to see how far it is possible. Agree?

C.D.I.

*if Fiji is possible, 2, allow  
 route? 2 to 2. Unless we were  
 going to India on the way back  
 we could not go to Pakistan. That  
 would really mean the Gulf - Singapore,  
 Perth (on the way out) and then  
 Brisbane.*

(C. D. POWELL)

24 March 1988



Foreign and Commonwealth Office  
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London SW1A 2AH

23 March 1988

cc PC  
D/C

*Dear Charles,*

Prime Minister's Visit to Australia

Your letter of 7 March asked for advice on the Prime Minister's visit to Australia.

Aircraft Types

The flying speed of a Tristar is roughly the same as that of a VC10, but the Tristar has a longer range. Using a Tristar might save one refuelling stop (1½ hours) in each direction. But two refuelling stops would be the minimum needed by either a VC10 or Tristar in each direction. The total flight time, whether by VC10 or Tristar, between London and Canberra would be 25½ hours outwards and 27 hours on the return.

We estimate roughly that the cost of using an RAF VC10 for the whole trip would be £240,000 whereas a Tristar chartered from British Airtours would cost £410,000.

Programme in Australia

Sir John Leahy has left Canberra, and John Coles arrived there yesterday. The post in Canberra have for planning purposes suggested the following programme:

Monday 1 August

Afternoon/Evening arrive Canberra: no engagements that evening

Tuesday 2 August

Calls in Canberra, including lunch with Mr Hawke

Wednesday 3 August

Speech to National Press Club in Canberra  
Fly to Melbourne  
Dinner hosted by Premier of Victoria, Mr Cain

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Thursday 4 August

Speech to the Committee for the Economic Development of  
Australia in Melbourne  
Fly to Sydney for dinner hosted by Opposition Leader,  
Mr Howard

Friday 5 August

In Brisbane for British Day at EXPO

Saturday 6 August

Depart for UK

A visit to Perth could be fitted in, but this would probably have to be at the expense of Melbourne, which is of greater importance to British interests. If the Prime Minister nonetheless decided to go to Perth it would be best to do so either at the start of the visit, or else on Saturday, 6 August on the way home. Either way it would be difficult to make a visit to Broome (Lord McAlpine's suggestion): Broome is three hours flight from Perth and can only be reached by a smaller aircraft than a VC10.

Possible Stopovers

The Foreign Secretary recommends planning for one or two stopovers in each direction. There are strong candidates in the Gulf and in South East Asia. There is also a good case for including stops in the Indian sub-continent but it is difficult to offer firm advice at this stage.

South Arabia/The Gulf

Oman is our preferred stop-over in the Gulf, provided the Sultan does not himself come to London privately this summer (he is not expected to decide whether to come for another month or so). The Prime Minister has not visited Oman since 1981. Relations are exceptionally close and a visit could be timely in putting the seal on new UK/Oman defence arrangements. A stopover on the way back in the United Arab Emirates would be our second choice. Shaikh Zaid's State Visit to London will not take place until the summer of 1989 at the earliest. The UAE has been helpful with facilities for RN's Armilla and Cimnel forces and we have important commercial interests.

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We do not favour a stopover in Saudi Arabia: we shall have received Crown Prince Abdullah in London only six weeks before the Prime Minister's visit to Australia, and the King came on a State Visit here in March 1987.

South East Asia

A stopover in Bangkok would allow the Prime Minister to discuss Cambodia, to give support to Biwater in their bid for a large irrigation project, and to make up for the omission of Thailand from her 1985 itinerary. We do not think General Prem would resent a brief stopover. The Foreign Secretary would, however, give priority to a visit to Singapore if it is not possible to include both. Lee Kuan Yew has got wind of the Prime Minister's visit to Australia and our High Commissioner has been asked to pass a message that he would be happy to see Mrs Thatcher on her outward or return journey, either for an official visit or a stopover.

Indian Sub-Continent

Pakistan is likely to be facing a very difficult situation over Afghanistan by the summer: a stopover in Islamabad would be appreciated by the Pakistanis as a demonstration of our solidarity and support. We should also consider India but it is difficult to know whether our relations with India will have recovered sufficiently from the Panorama programme setback to make a visit in August wise. We do not wish to propose a visit to Islamabad until we are clearer about the desirability of including India. A third candidate could be Colombo, but that depends on whether or not President Jayewardene pays a guest of government visit here in the summer.

Possible Itinerary:

Outward Journey

The following paragraphs outline possible itineraries, including stopovers in the sub-continent.

Assuming departure from London in the morning of Saturday, 30 July, the necessary technical stop in the Gulf would come in the late evening, too late for any meetings.

Islamabad could be reached in the early hours of Sunday, 31 July, with the remainder of the night available for rest there, followed by discussions on the Sunday morning (no great difficulty in a Muslim country).

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Depending on the length of stay at Islamabad - a long stopover would obviously permit a better programme - there would be the possibility of a stopover at Bangkok on the Sunday evening.

A technical stop at Singapore would be needed by the VC10, whether it came from Islamabad or Bangkok. This would be made in the early hours of Monday, 1 August, so that talks with Lee Kuan Yew could not conveniently be arranged.

Return Journey

Assuming departure from Brisbane in the morning of Saturday 6 August, a technical stop at Singapore on the afternoon of Saturday 6 August would allow for a meeting at the airport with Lee Kuan Yew.

From Singapore it would be possible to fly to either New Delhi or Colombo, with the possibility of talks with Rajiv Gandhi or Jayewardene on the evening of Saturday 6 August. After leaving New Delhi or Colombo, the Prime Minister could arrive in Muscat (or Salalah) or in Abu Dhabi in the early hours of Sunday 7 August and have most of the night available for rest, before paying calls in the morning before departure for London. It would also be possible to fly direct from Singapore to Muscat or Abu Dhabi.

/ I enclose possible itineraries for the outward and return journeys showing how the stopovers might be fitted in.

In due course the Foreign Secretary would welcome a chance of discussing all these options with the Prime Minister, to give more specific advice about which has the higher priority in the promotion of British interests.

*John G. ...*

*(Signature)*

(R N Culshaw)  
Private Secretary

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA

DRAFT ITINERARY (all times local)

## Outward Journey

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12.45 Depart Islamabad for Bangkok  
(5 hrs flying time)

19.45 Arrive Bangkok  
Talks with Prem (4 hrs)

23.45 Depart Bangkok for Singapore  
(2 hrs 25 min flying time)

Monday 1 August

03.10 Arrive Singapore  
Technical stop (1½ hrs)

04.40 Depart Singapore for Canberra  
(7 hrs 35 min flying time)

14.15 Arrive Canberra

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OR (for 14 hrs in Islamabad and no stop in Bangkok)  
16.45 Depart Islamabad for Singapore  
(7 hrs flying time)

Monday 1 August

02.45 Arrive Singapore  
Technical stop (1½ hrs)

04.15 Depart Singapore for Canberra  
(7 hrs 35 min flying time)

13.50 Arrive Canberra



Return Journey

Saturday 6 August

10.00 Depart Brisbane for Singapore  
(7 hrs 55 min flying time)

15.55 Arrive Singapore  
Technical stop (1½ hrs)  
Talks with Lee Kuan Yew

17.25 Depart Singapore for Delhi  
(5 hrs 25 min flying time)

20.20 Arrive Delhi  
Talks with Gandhi (4 hrs)

Sunday 7 August

00.20 Depart Delhi for Muscat  
(3 Hrs 40 mins flying time)

02.30 Arrive Muscat  
Technical stop (1½ hrs)

04.00 Depart Muscat for London  
(8 hrs 40 min flying time)

09.40 Arrive London

OR 17.25 Depart Singapore for Colombo  
(3 hrs 45 min flying time)

18.40 Arrive Colombo  
Talks with Jayewardene

23.40 Depart Colombo for Muscat (or Abu Dhabi)  
(4 hrs 10 mins [4 hrs 35 min] flying time)

OR (for talks in Muscat or Abu Dhabi)

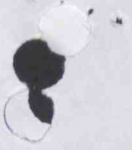
02.30 [03.00] Arrive Muscat [Abu Dhabi]  
Rest ) 8 hrs  
Talks with Sultan [Shaikh Zaid] )

10.30 [10.30] Depart Muscat [Abu Dhabi] for London  
(8 hrs 40 min [8 hrs 20 min] flying time)

16.10 [15.50] Arrive London

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21 March 1988

The Rt Hon M Thatcher FRS MP  
Prime Minister  
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ENGLAND

My dear Prime Minister

My National Party parliamentary colleague, the Premier of Queensland, the Hon M Ahern, has informed me that you intend to visit EXPO 88 in Brisbane later this year.

Needless to say, my colleagues are delighted that you can be present for this occasion.

I have been asked to ascertain whether, during your visit, you might be prepared to deliver the Earle Page address on an evening convenient to you. This is presented each year in Sydney University to commemorate Dr Earle Page, the first parliamentary leader of the predecessor of the National Party, the Australian Country Party.

The Party has of course been a consistent member of conservative coalitions and with the Liberal Party has provided federal Government for most of the period since World War II.

If it were possible to fit this additional commitment into what I know will be an extremely busy schedule, I know the gesture would be greatly appreciated.

We can assure you of a good audience and a worthwhile forum for the expression of your conservative philosophy.

Personal best wishes.

Yours sincerely

IAN SINCLAIR





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7 March 1988

*From the Private Secretary*

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA

I should be grateful for some advice on various aspects of the Prime Minister's visit to Australia, for which we have tentatively blocked out 30 July-7 August.

Aircraft Types

It would be helpful to know whether use of a Tristar rather than the VC10 would:

- (a) cut the journey time significantly;
- (b) reduce the number of stops en route to Australia;
- (c) be much more expensive.

(I might add in parenthesis that I have had some discussion with Sir Colin Marshall of British Airways about the possibility of chartering Concorde. It would cost about £500,000.)

Programme in Australia

It might be useful to get some advice from Sir John Leahy before his final departure - if it has not already happened - on a programme in Australia. In addition to Expo in Brisbane, the Prime Minister will presumably have to visit Canberra and Sydney, and would quite like to visit Perth.

Possible Stop-overs

A decision on possible stop-overs will depend in part on how many we actually need to make: and of course technical stops do not necessarily have to become visits. But possibility which we are considering are:

- Islamabad, to see President Zia;
- Bangkok, because the Prime Minister was unable to include it in her South East Asia tour in 1985. But would one day be enough or regarded as insultingly short?

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- Singapore, for a talk with Lee Kuan Yew;
- Madras, to see Mr. Alexander (the former High Commissioner) and balance a visit to Pakistan; and
- Saudi Arabia and/or a Gulf State.

These are very tentative ideas. But it would be helpful to know:

- whether you see objections to any of them;
- or have alternatives to suggest; and
- could draw up an overall itinerary with rough times, so that we could see what a visit encompassing 3/4 days in Australia and these stops might look like.

CHARLES POWELL

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THE PRIME MINISTER

15 February 1988

Dear Mr. Howard

Thank you so much for your letter of 5 February. It is very good of you to invite me. I have not really begun to think about the programme for my visit to Australia and we have not yet settled dates. But I will certainly have your kind suggestion very much in mind.

I hope you will let me know as soon as dates for your visit here in June/July are fixed.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Mr. John Howard.

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5 February 1988

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Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher PC MP  
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*My dear Prime Minister,*

As Tony Eggleton indicated in his letter to you, we in the Liberal Party look forward to the prospect of your visiting Australia later this year.

As Tony said we would be enormously grateful if you were able to make some time available for an appropriate Liberal Party sponsored function.

I have discussed this with my Parliamentary and organisational colleagues. I have in mind hosting a public luncheon at a major venue in Sydney. Such a gathering would draw enormous interest within the business and Sydney community generally.

I know your planning at this stage is still preliminary. I would, however, be very grateful if you were able to keep my proposal in mind in any future planning.

Separately, I hope to visit Britain in the June/July period and I look forward to an opportunity of meeting with you at that time.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

*John Howard*

(John Howard)

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From the Private Secretary

21 January 1988

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Thank you very much for your letter of 20 January. I too thoroughly enjoyed the evening, largely due to the splendid company.

I will ensure that the Prime Minister's discussion with Sir Peter is passed on to the appropriate quarters.

With very best wishes,

P. A. Bearpark

Mrs. Gill Rides





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Dear Andy,

First of all it was a great pleasure to meet you last night, and I greatly enjoyed your company at dinner in Guildhall. It was a splendid occasion and I think went off tremendously well.

Sir Peter left today for his first visit to Australia for the Bicentennial celebrations, and before he left he asked me to write to you about a discussion he had with the Prime Minister last night about the visit to EXPO 88 in Brisbane in August. Mrs. Thatcher extended an invitation to Sir Peter, subject, of course, to availability and further consideration, to fly to Australia in the VC 10 with her party, and asked Sir Peter to convey this information to you.

Sir Peter will be in Australia for British Week, but will be staying on afterwards, as he has several other engagements throughout Australia in connection with the Bicentenary, so he would not therefore return on the Prime Minister's plane.

May I please put on record that Sir Peter quite understands that this invitation is very much subject to further consideration and discussion and that the purpose of this letter is to put the outline of the Prime Minister's and Sir Peter's conversation on paper. It is possible that Lady Gadsden will be accompanying Sir Peter on this visit also.

With best wishes,

*Yours sincerely  
Gill*

Gill Rides [Mrs]





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