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My dear Prime Minister,

A telegram from my Prime Minister asks me to convey to you the following text of a letter, the original of which is en route by diplomatic bag:

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"My dear Margaret,

As you know, on 22 October I announced Australia's decision to contribute, on certain conditions, a contingent to the Sinai Peacekeeping Force. The principal condition was that, in the interests of obtaining the broadest possible international acceptance of the Force, there be significant European participation.

I therefore welcome the decisions of Britain, France, the Netherlands and Italy to participate in the Force. Since your decisions give the Force a broad international balance and, at the same time, more than adequately fulfil an important condition of the Australian Government, I have now advised President Reagan as well as Prime Minister Begin and President Mubarak of our agreement to participate in the Force.

With warmest personal regards,

Malcolm Fraser."

Sincerely,
[Signature]

R.V. GARLAND

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