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FCO TELEGRAM NUMBER 339 TO TOKYO

VISIT BY THE PRIME MINISTER: CANBERRA JOINT STATEMENT

1. I SYMPATHISE AND AGREE WITH VIEWS OF LORD PRIVY SEAL. WE HAVE ALREADY SPOKEN ALONG THESE LINES AT SENIOR LEVEL IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT. I SEE ADVANTAGE IN PRIME MINISTER AUTHORIZING MESSAGE PROPOSED.

2. ALTHOUGH WE TOOK NO PART IN THE PRODUCTION OF THE LONG AUSTRALIAN VERSION WE WILL NOW TRY TO ACHIEVE WITH THEM AD REFERENDUM A MUCH SHORTER COMPROMISE DRAFT BUT I FEAR IT WILL STILL HAVE TO BE LONGER THAN WE WOULD IDEALLY HAVE LIKED.

3. THE CENTRAL DIFFICULTY FOR THE AUSTRALIANS IS MR FRASER'S
PRE-OCCUPATION WITH RHODESIA. HE WANTS REFERENCE TO DISCUSSION IN
THE JOINT STATEMENT ON RHODESIA TO BE SUBSTANTIAL ENOUGH FOR BOTH
PRIME MINISTERS AND THEIR SPOKESMEN TO SIMPLY REFER TO IT IN ANSWER
TO PRESS QUESTIONS AND DECLINE TO EXPAND FURTHER. THEY THEREFORE
STRESS THAT THE SECTION ON RHODESIA SHOULD BE AT LEAST AS LONG AS
THAT GIVEN IN MY TELEGRAM NUMBER 355 TO FCO (ON WHICH I COMMENTED
IN MY TELEGRAM NUMBER 356 TO FCO, BOTH COPIED TO TOKYO).

IN ORDER THAT THE RHODESIA SECTION SHOULD NOT STICK OUT LIKE A SORE
THUMB IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR THE REST OF THE JOINT STATEMENT TO
BE IN BALANCE, EG PARAGRAPHS ON BILATERAL RELATIONS AND EEC, THE
TOKYO SUMMIT AND INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS
SHOULD EACH BE ABOUT THE SAME LENGTH AS THAT ON RHODESIA.

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