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THE PRIME MINISTER

1 August 1980

Dear Mr. Tonkin,

Thank you for your letter of 3 July.

I am delighted to hear that you are proposing to use Urenco/Centec technology if a uranium enrichment plant is built in South Australia. The three governments of the UK, the Federal Republic of Germany and the Netherlands fully support the transfer of this technology to Australia through the Urenco/Centec partnership, subject to agreement on appropriate arrangements. I have sent a personal message to Mr. Fraser expressing this support on behalf of the three governments.

Peter Blaker is visiting Australia to deliver this message and for discussions with the Commonwealth Government on the enrichment project. I am very pleased to hear that he has accepted your invitation and will be visiting South Australia. I hope his visit will be helpful to you in your plans.

Thank you for your invitation to visit South Australia. Although I cannot take it up in the near future, I will certainly bear it in mind.

Yours sincerely,

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The Hon. David Tonkin

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