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*From the Private Secretary*

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As you know the Australian High Commissioner, the Honourable Mr. Victor Garland called on the Prime Minister at 0915 hours this morning to deliver his letter of credence (attached). - *Appointments filing.*

The meeting was brief, and largely confined to courtesies. There was however some discussion of the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting. The High Commissioner said that Mr. Fraser would be coming to the Royal Wedding in July, and would take this opportunity to meet as many Heads of Government as possible. The Government of Australia hoped that the CHGM would concentrate on having a constructive discussion of North/South issues. But there was always the danger that there would be a controversial discussion of the Gleneagles Agreement on sporting links with South Africa. The High Commissioner said he could not judge the probability of such a debate occurring. But the Government of Australia would do all they could to avoid it.

The Prime Minister said that she too was concerned at the possibility of the CHGM turning into a debate on the Gleneagles Agreement. The world economic situation ought to be the main agenda item. The Prime Minister of Singapore could play a useful part in introducing this item. In answer to a question from Mr. Garland, the Prime Minister said that Mrs. Gandhi had told her that she hoped to come to the CHGM, but had not yet made any definite plans.

The meeting ended with the Prime Minister expressing her hope that the traditional close relationship between the UK and Australia would continue.

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