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THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
The Hon. Sir Victor Garland, KBE

PRIME MINISTER'S

PERSONAL MESSAGE

3 March 1983

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Prime Minister

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A telegram from my Prime Minister asks me to convey to you the following message:

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"My dear Margaret,

On behalf of the Government and people of Australia and particularly on behalf of those who suffered losses in the recent bushfires, I would like to thank you and your Government for your sympathy and generous offer of assistance. The Premiers of South Australia and Victoria, too, have asked me to pass on to you their thanks. The words of support we received from our close friends overseas were of great comfort to all Australians at that terrible time.

Might I also, through your good offices, express the thanks of the Australian people to the British people for their generous donations to the appeal for the bushfire victims. It is heart-warming gestures like these that show the true nature of the bonds between our two nations.

Yours sincerely,
Malcolm Fraser."

Ends.

Handwritten signature: R.V. Garland

R.V. GARLAND

The Rt Hon. Margaret Thatcher, MP,
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