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THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

The Hon. Sir Victor Garland, KBE 21 November 1983

*Dear Prime Minister,*

Following is the advance text of the Prime Minister's letter of 21 November. The original copy of this letter will be passed on when it arrives:

"Dear Prime Minister,

Thank you for your congratulatory message about Australia II's outstanding victory in the America's Cup in which all Australians shared.

I am sure I speak for all those associated with the Australia II team in expressing appreciation for the sportsmanship and keen competition in the elimination series shown by the British yacht Victory 83 and its team who proved such worthy competitors.

I have passed your message to the Commodore of the Royal Perth Yacht Club so that it may be shared with Alan Bond, John Bertrand and the team of Australia II.

Yours sincerely,

Bob Hawke."

*Sincerely,*  
*Victor Garland*  
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