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From the Private Secretary

21 May 1982

VERSAILLES SUMMIT

① ✓ I enclose a copy of a letter which the Prime Minister has received from the Australian High Commissioner. This reproduces a message from the Prime Minister of Australia about the forthcoming Economic Summit and encloses an aide-memoire on stimulating world trade and economic recovery. You will note from the final paragraph of the letter that Mr. Fraser has asked the Australian Foreign Minister to discuss these matters with the Prime Minister, on whom he is calling at 1615 hours on 25 May. I should be grateful if this could be taken account of in the brief which you will be supplying for that meeting and if you could, perhaps after the meeting, provide a draft reply to Mr. Fraser from the Prime Minister.

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I am sending copies of this letter and its enclosure to John Kerr (HM Treasury), John Rhodes (Department of Trade), and David Wright (Cabinet Office).

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Dear John,

Versailles Summit

With your letter of 21 May you enclosed a copy of a letter which the Prime Minister had received from the Australian High Commissioner, reproducing a message from Mr Fraser about the forthcoming Economic Summit and enclosing an Aide Memoire on stimulating world trade and economic recovery.

We had already seen a copy of Mr Fraser's letter (see our letter of 21 May, which crossed yours), and have checked it against the briefing. Mr Fraser's letter adds nothing of substance to the speech which he made in New York on 18 May, and it does not call for any change in the line proposed in the briefing.

We shall, as requested, provide a draft reply to Mr Fraser from the Prime Minister, after her meeting with Mr Street.

Yours ever

(J E Holmes)
Private Secretary

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