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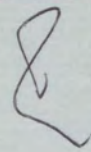
Versailles Economic Summit and Mr Fraser's Initiative

Thank you for your letter of 21 May.

It would seem appropriate for the Prime Minister to let Mr Fraser have a written reply to his message of 21 May before the Versailles Summit. I accordingly enclose a draft telegram to Canberra containing a message for the Acting High Commissioner to deliver to Mr Fraser. It has been cleared with Departments concerned.

Mr Fraser will already know the substance of our views from the conversations the Australian Foreign Minister had with the Prime Minister, my Secretary of State, and the Chancellor on 23 and 25 May. The Prime Minister's reply need only be short.

I am copying this letter with enclosures to John Kerr in the Treasury, John Rhodes in the Department of Trade and David Wright in the Cabinet Office.

John Kerr


(B J P Fall)
Private Secretary

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	9	VERSAILLES SUMMIT AND MR FRASER'S INITIATIVE ON PROTECTIONISM
	10	1. Please pass the following message from the Prime Minister
	11	to Mr Fraser as soon as possible.
	12	Begins. <i>Dear Raskolnik</i>
	13	Thank you for your message, which Sir Victor Garland conveyed
	14	to me on 21 May, about your proposals for measures to reduce
	15	the impediments to international trade. No doubt Tony Street
	16	will have given you an account of his discussions with
	17	Geoffrey Howe, Francis Pym and myself.
	18	Francis Pym is hoping to see Douglas Anthony immediately
	19	after the Versailles Summit to give him some account of how
	20	the discussions went. I am sure that your proposals will
	21	feature in these discussions (I shall certainly mention them)
///	22	and I hope that there will be agreement on their merits.
//	23	You are no doubt considering how their further study might
/	24	be linked to preparations for the GATT Ministerial Meeting
	25	in November. <i>Best wishes. Raymont.</i>

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