



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

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Dear Michael,

~~Mr Anson~~ : for action

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Visit to UK by Prime Minister of Australia:
October 1981: Press Release

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I enclose the text of an announcement, which has been discussed with Charles Anson, of Mr Fraser's visit to the UK in October. Your Press Office may wish to release this on 17 March at 1100Z.

The text has been read over to Conservative Central Office who had no objection. The Australian authorities have been informed and are content that we should go ahead.

yours etc
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Suggested press release by 10 Downing St
for 1100Z on 17 March

At the invitation of the Prime Minister, the Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher MP, the Prime Minister of Australia, the Rt Hon Malcolm Fraser CH MP, will pay an official visit to Britain in October. Precise dates have not yet been fixed.

Notes for Editors

The official visit will follow a private visit, to attend the Conservative Party Conference. Mr Fraser's official visit will last 3 or 4 days, probably in the week beginning 19 October.

Mr Fraser last came to the UK in February 1980, and was last a guest of HMG in May/June 1977.

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