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cc: Sir P. Craddock

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Thank you for your letter of 27 April.  
The Prime Minister could see Mr. Hayden at  
1600 hours (for 30 minutes) on 14 May.

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PRIME MINISTER

There may not be time to discuss with you personally your diary which you wished to do in light of a request from the FCO to see Mr. Bill Hayden, the Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs.

I attach an up-to-date diary which goes up to Friday 18 May. Also attached is the original letter from the FCO. You mentioned that you felt disinclined to see Mr. Hayden.

Is that still your view?

I will see before lunch for the  
CR. almost

30 April 1984

1600-1630

14 May —

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Prime Minister (1)

27 April 1984

You could see Mr Hayden for  
30 minutes at 1600 on 14 May.

Agree?

Yes Sir,

DMS  
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I will need  
to see the thing  
first. I am  
disinclined to  
see him.

In your letter of 11 April you said that the Prime Minister would like us to consider whether we should give more attention to our relationship with Australia. A good opportunity to do so has now arisen.

The Hon William (Bill) Hayden, the Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs, will be in London between 12 - 15 May, before attending the OECD meeting in Paris. In Sir Geoffrey Howe's absence, Mr Hayden will have talks with Mr Luce on Monday 14 May, and possibly with Mr Raison too: we are still arranging the details. It would be greatly appreciated by Mr Hayden if the Prime Minister could also agree to a brief meeting. This would underline the importance we attach to our relations with Australia and would perhaps help to mollify Australian disappointment at not being invited to the Economic Summit. If the Prime Minister agrees, would you kindly let me know whether there is any time on the 14th which would be convenient?

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