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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

Prime Minister

If you could approve the relevant messages, and inform the Duty Clerk, I will arrange despatch when the result is clear.

4 March 1983

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Revised to Clogness (-413) P.M. agreed texts.

Dear John,

Australian General Election: Message from the Prime Minister

Voting in the Australian General Election begins tonight and unless the result is very close the outcome should be known perhaps as early as midday on Saturday. I enclose draft telegrams with alternative messages of congratulation and sympathy as appropriate. These will be with the FCO Resident Clerk for despatch when the result is clear.

Yours ever

J E Holmes

(J E Holmes)
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq
10 Downing Street

PM approved Messages
ASC + Resident Clerk FCO informed 15.40 Sat 5/3/83.
12/10/83

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| | 9 | AUSTRALIAN GENERAL ELECTION: MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER |
| | 10 | 1. Grateful if you would pass the following from the Prime |
| | 11 | Minister to Mr Hawke. |
| | 12 | BEGINS: May I send you my congratulations and those of my |
| | 13 | Government on your success. We look forward to working closely |
| | 14 | with you on the many international issues in which we have a |
| | 15 | common interest, and to sustaining the close friendship and |
| | 16 | excellent relations which exist between our two countries and |
| | 17 | peoples. Signed Margaret Thatcher. ENDS |
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| | 10 | 1. Grateful if you would pass the following personal message |
| | 11 | from Mrs Thatcher to Mr Fraser. |
| | 12 | BEGINS: Mr Dear Malcolm, |
| | 13 | You know how much I have enjoyed working with you during your |
| | 14 | time as Prime Minister. The election result must be very |
| | 15 | disappointing for you, but I wanted you to know how much your |
| | 16 | steadfast help and support has been appreciated in Britain, |
| | 17 | particularly when we needed it most last year. I am personally |
| | 18 | very grateful for all you have done. May I wish you all the |
| | 19 | very best for the future. Signed Margaret Thatcher. |
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| | 11 | Minister to Mr Fraser. |
| | 12 | BEGINS: Many congratulations on your splendid victory after |
| | 13 | such a closely fought campaign. I look forward to continuing to |
| | 14 | work with you on the many difficult international problems |
| | 15 | we face and to having a chance to talk to you again before too |
| | 16 | long. Signed Margaret Thatcher. ENDS |
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