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10 DOWNING STREET

*From the Private Secretary*

5 June 1984

The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your letter of 28 May about the visit of Mr. Nick Greiner to London.

Mrs. Thatcher has asked me to say that she deeply regrets that, owing to the extreme pressure on her diary during this period, she will unfortunately not be able to receive Mr. Greiner. But she sends to you and to him her very best wishes.

A. J. COLES

Mr. Tony Eggleton.

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*From the Private Secretary*

5 June 1984

AUSTRALIA

Thank you for your letter of 1 June about the visit by the Leader of the Liberal Opposition in the New South Wales Parliament. The Prime Minister much regrets that, owing to the extreme pressure on her diary at present, she will not be able to see Mr. Greiner. Could you kindly convey her apologies.

We have received a letter from the Federal Director of the Liberal Party of Australia making a similar request and I shall be replying to this today.

A. J. COLES

Peter Ricketts, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

1 June, 1984

Dear John,

Australia

Nick Greiner, leader of the (Liberal) Opposition in the New South Wales Parliament, will be visiting this country from 4-15 June. In his short time in politics Mr Greiner has restored faith within his Party in their ability, in coalition with the National Party, to defeat the ruling Labor Administration of Australia's most populous state and is now seen as a future Premier.

The COI are arranging a programme that will include coverage of local government (especially rate pegging), the Civil Service, electricity and water boards (prices policy), transport matters (especially BR and competition from road services), public housing, and the Conservative Party. He will be calling on Mrs Chalker, and Mr Whitney will be giving him lunch.

On the eve of his arrival here Mr Greiner has asked whether he can see the Prime Minister for a short time, perhaps for a few minutes in the House where he will be on 14 June. If that date is not convenient, perhaps the next day might be. We understand that the Federal Director of the Liberal Party in Australia will be making an approach to the Conservative Party over Mr Greiner's request.

Yours ever,

Peter Ricketts

(P F Ricketts)  
Private Secretary

A J Coles Esq  
10 Downing Street



BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS

MAY 1984.

NICHOLAS FRANK GREINER

PERSONAL:

NICK GREINER, M.P., MEMBER FOR KU-RING-GAI, WAS BORN IN HUNGARY ON 27th APRIL, 1947.

HE LIVES AT WAHROONGA, IN HIS ELECTORATE, WITH HIS WIFE, KATHRYN, AND THEIR SON, JUSTIN, AGED 12 AND DAUGHTER, KARA, AGED 9.

EDUCATIONAL:

NICK GREINER RECEIVED HIS SECONDARY EDUCATION AT ST. IGNATIUS COLLEGE, RIVERVIEW. FROM 1958 - 1963.

HE GRADUATED FIRST IN HIS CLASS WITH AN HONOURS DEGREE IN ECONOMICS AT SYDNEY UNIVERSITY. HE RECEIVED SEVERAL AWARDS, INCLUDING THE FEDERATED IRONWORKERS' PRIZE FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND THE AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY OF ACCOUNTANTS' PRIZE FOR COMMERCIAL LAW.

HE LATER ATTENDED HARVARD UNIVERSITY WHERE HE GAINED A HIGH DISTINCTION IN A MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEGREE.

HE WAS ALSO A BAKER SCHOLAR AND A FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR.

IN HIS STUDENT DAYS, NICK WAS PRESIDENT OF THE ECONOMICS SOCIETY AND DIRECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY UNION.



# The Liberal Party of Australia

FEDERAL SECRETARIAT

FEDERAL DIRECTOR  
Tony Eggleton

*Prime Minister.*

*I think you have too  
much to do!*

*Should we decline?*

28 May 1984

PERSONAL

The Rt Hon Mrs Margaret Thatcher, MP  
Prime Minister  
10 Downing Street  
London, SW1

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*Dear Prime Minister,*

Things continue to be a bit of an uphill battle at this end, but we are making some progress in rebuilding the Party both Federally and in the various States.

One of the most promising of our State Liberal Leaders (Nick Greiner, from New South Wales) will be in London for a fortnight as from next Monday (4 June).

Nick has been Parliamentary Leader of the Liberal Party in New South Wales for a couple of years, and has proved a highly effective Opposition Leader. He put a lot of pressure on Premier Neville Wran in the New South Wales election some weeks ago and cut substantially into Wran's majority.

Nick Greiner is now widely acknowledged as the likely next Premier of New South Wales and he has emerged as one of the more prominent Liberal politicians in Australia.

I appreciate the demands on your time but, if you could find 10 minutes for Nick Greiner, it would be especially appreciated. Of course, I will fully understand if it does not prove possible.

Nick is visiting Britain as a Guest-of-Government under the programme supervised by the Foreign Office, and in London he will be staying at the Royal Horseguards Hotel in Whitehall Court.

Bob Hawke continues to enjoy high personal ratings in Australia, although there are signs of problems developing for him. He is planning an early election, and I expect we will be dashing off to the polls yet again at the end of the year!

Kind regards,

*Sincerely,*

*Tony Eggleton*