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PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
SERIAL No. T167/84.

10 DOWNING STREET

THE PRIME MINISTER

2 October, 1984

Dear Prime Minister,

This letter will be presented to you by Sir John Henry Gladstone Leahy, KCMG, who has been appointed by Her Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to be their High Commissioner in the Commonwealth of Australia.

I am confident that Sir John Leahy is eminently fitted, both by his personal qualities and by his experience of affairs of State, for the charge with which he has been entrusted, and that his appointment will serve to maintain the relations of close friendship which so happily exist between us.

In this confidence I commend Sir John Leahy to you and, on behalf of the United Kingdom Government, ask you to afford him all possible help in the fulfilment of his important mission.

Yours sincerely  
Margaret Thatcher

The Honourable R.J.L. Hawke, A.C., M.P.





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*From the Private Secretary*

11 September, 1984.

I enclose a signed letter from the Prime Minister to Mr. Hawke, dated 2 October, for Sir John Leahy to take with him on his appointment as High Commissioner in Australia.

Charles Powell

P.F. Ricketts, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

10 September 1984

*Dear Charles*

/ I enclose the draft of a letter from the Prime Minister to Mr Hawke for Sir John Leahy to take with him on his appointment as High Commissioner in Australia, along normal lines.

Sir John Leahy is expected to leave for Australia on 9 October. It would be useful if the letter could bear a date shortly before Sir John's departure from the United Kingdom: we suggest it might be dated 2 October.

*Yours ever*

*Peter Ricketts*

(P F Ricketts)  
Private Secretary

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The Honourable R J L Hawke, AC, MP  
THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

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