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TO IMMEDIATE CANBERRA

TELEGRAM NUMBER 1010 OF 2 DECEMBER

YOUR TELNO 1126: GENERAL ELECTION

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER  
TO MR HAWKE:

BEGINS

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR SUCCESS. I SEND YOU  
MY BEST WISHES FOR YOUR SECOND TERM, AND LOOK FORWARD TO  
CONTINUING TO WORK CLOSELY WITH YOU TO MAINTAIN THAT PARTICULAR  
WARMTH AND FRIENDSHIP WHICH DISTINGUISHES RELATIONS BETWEEN  
BRITAIN AND AUSTRALIA.

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PRIME MINISTER

The FCO would be grateful for your early agreement to the following message to Mr. Hawke.

Begins:

Congratulations on your success. I send you my best wishes for your second term, and look forward to continuing to work closely with you to maintain that particular warmth and friendship which distinguishes relations between Britain and Australia.

Ends.

*Shed. mt*

At the moment there are no precise figures on the election, but the projected figures are as follows:

In the Lower House: Mr. Hawke had a majority of 18 and it is now reduced to 3.

In the Upper House his Party is in the minority. This is blamed upon the electoral system and a new anti-nuclear party which seems to have taken many of the votes away from Mr. Hawke.

*Lillian*

1 December 1984



10 DOWNING STREET

~~David~~ CSP

This letter was held back  
from PM's box on Saturday  
as it was obvious Howice was  
not going to have a substan-  
tial ~~victory~~ victory.

Fco called with amended  
message - see amendment  
on Telegram which I  
relayed to Chequers  
on Saturday evening  
to PM

well done.  
Revised ~~letter~~ message

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

Prime Minister

29 November 1984

Agree attached message, for  
despatch if Mr Hawke wins

Dear Charles, Convincingly? *Dubs*  
Australian General Election 30/11

As you know, a general election will be held in Australia on 1 December. The result may be known in London by the afternoon of the same day.

In the House of Representatives, Mr Hawke is widely expected to win a convincing victory and to increase the comfortable majority he had in the last parliament (25). The outcome is less predictable in the Senate, but the gap between the two parties is too wide for the Liberals to have any realistic hope of a return to power.

On the assumption that Mr Hawke will win, I enclose a draft message from the Prime Minister. This could be despatched over the weekend by our Resident Clerk if the Prime Minister is content.

*Yr. evr.*

*Peter Ricketts*

(P F Ricketts)  
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq  
10 Downing Street

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