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*From the Private Secretary*

17 December 1985

GOVERNOR OF VICTORIA

Peter Ricketts wrote on 13 December seeking the Prime Minister's agreement to the Foreign Secretary recommending the appointment of Dr. John Davis McCaughey as Governor of Victoria.

The Prime Minister is content with the proposed appointment.

CHARLES POWELL

Robert Culshaw, Esq.,  
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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YOUR TELEGRAM NO 640: APPOINTMENT OF NEW GOVERNOR OF VICTORIA.

1. THE REVEREND DR MCCAUGHEY'S CREDENTIALS ARE IMPECCABLE. ANAGURAL PRESIDENT OF THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA, HE GROUP OF NON-CONFORMIST CHURCHES, DEPUTY CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE AND OLD FRIEND OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL (WHO CONSIDERS HIM A QUOTE BRILLIANT UNQUOTE CHOICE - MY TELEGRAM NO 910 REFERS). AGED 71, BORN IN BELFAST, EDUCATED CAMPBELL COLLEGE, PEMBROKE COLLEGE CAMBRIDGE AND EDINBURGH. ACTIVE AT ONE TIME IN STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT. ONE SON IS CURRENTLY DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF VICTORIA.

2. I AGREE THAT VICTORIANS IN ALL WALKS OF LIFE ARE LIKELY TO SUPPORT THE APPOINTMENT (PARAGRAPH 3 OF TUR).

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