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THE PRIME MINISTER

15 February 1988

Dear Mr. Howard

Thank you so much for your letter of 5 February. It is very good of you to invite me. I have not really begun to think about the programme for my visit to Australia and we have not yet settled dates. But I will certainly have your kind suggestion very much in mind.

I hope you will let me know as soon as dates for your visit here in June/July are fixed.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

Mr. John Howard.

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Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher PC MP
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My dear Prime Minister,

As Tony Eggleton indicated in his letter to you, we in the Liberal Party look forward to the prospect of your visiting Australia later this year.

As Tony said we would be enormously grateful if you were able to make some time available for an appropriate Liberal Party sponsored function.

I have discussed this with my Parliamentary and organisational colleagues. I have in mind hosting a public luncheon at a major venue in Sydney. Such a gathering would draw enormous interest within the business and Sydney community generally.

I know your planning at this stage is still preliminary. I would, however, be very grateful if you were able to keep my proposal in mind in any future planning.

Separately, I hope to visit Britain in the June/July period and I look forward to an opportunity of meeting with you at that time.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

John Howard

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