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TO IMMEDIATE FCO
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FOLLOWING STRICTLY PERSONAL FOR CHARLES POWELL, 10 DOWNING STREET
YOUR TELNO MISC 175: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT

1. THANK YOU FOR THIS INFORMATION.

2. I WILL AWAIT FURTHER DETAILS BUT MEANWHILE YOU MAY LIKE TO
KNOW THAT:

A. THERE IS NOT MUCH TIME IN THE PERTH PART OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S
PROGRAMME. A PROPOSAL THAT SHE SHOULD OPEN A NEW JOINT VENTURE
BETWEEN ROLLS ROYCE AND AN AUSTRALIAN FIRM SHOULD REACH
YOU IN DUE COURSE FROM THE FCO. I WOULD MUCH PREFER THAT TO THE
WINERY AND I DOUBT IF THERE WILL BE TIME FOR BOTH.

B. A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN VISITS TO AUSTRALIA AND MOST OTHER
COUNTRIES IS THAT HERE WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF
THE STATES AS WELL AS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THE LATTER ARE
AT PRESENT DISCUSSING WITH THE STATE GOVERNMENTS POSSIBLE
ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PRIME MINISTER AND I AM WAITING TO SEE
WHAT THEY COME UP WITH. BUT THERE WILL OBVIOUSLY BE CERTAIN
MINIMUM OFFICIAL ENGAGEMENTS IN PERTH WHICH CANNOT BE AVOIDED
WITHOUT CAUSING GREAT OFFENCE (I HAVE JUST BEEN THERE AND IT IS
A VERY SMALL TOWN ATMOSPHERE).

C. ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM LONDON WE HAVE PUT TO THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT OUR SECURITY CRITERIA FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S
ACCOMMODATION AND ARE WAITING TO SEE WHERE THEY, AS THE HOSTS,
WOULD PROPOSE TO ACCOMMODATE HER.

3. ALL FURTHER SUNSHINE WELCOME. IT SEEMS TO DO NOTHING BUT RAIN
HERE.

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