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M.I.P.T. : PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA:
PROGRAMME FOR MR. THATCHER.

1. WE HAVE DRAWN UP A DRAFT PROGRAMME FOR MR THATCHER FOR THE
FEW OCCASIONS WHEN HE WILL NOT ACCOMPANY THE PRIME MINISTER,
AS FOLLOWS:

TUESDAY 2 AUGUST

1615 VISIT NEW FERRANTI OFFICE IN CANBERRA

LATER PRESENTATION BY HAWKER PACIFIC

WEDNESDAY 3 AUGUST

0900 FREE (CANBERRA)

THURSDAY 4 AUGUST

1145-1235 VISIT INSTITUTE OF DIRECTORS (SYDNEY)

FRIDAY 5 AUGUST

1000-1030 FREE (BRISBANE)

2. WE HAVE NOT PUT THESE SUGGESTIONS TO THE AUSTRALIANS OR TO THE
COMPANIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED. IF THEY ARE ACCEPTABLE TO MR. THATCHER,
WE SHALL THEN DO SO.

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MONDAY 1 AUGUST

1. 1400 ARRIVE PERTH
2. 1425 ARRIVE HOTEL MERLIN
3. 1515 DEPART HOTEL
4. 1530 - OPEN TURBINE COMPONENTS (AUSTRALIA) FACTORY,
1615 (A ROLLS ROYCE JOINT VENTURE)
5. 1630 - SWAN RIVER CRUISE (WEATHER PERMITTING)
1730/1800
6. 1900 RECEIVED BY PREMIER OF WA.
FOR
1930 OFFICIAL DINNER OFFERED BY STATE GOVERNMENT.
7. 2130 RECORDED AUSTRALIAN BREAKFAST TV AND RADIO
INTERVIEWS.

TUESDAY 2 AUGUST

8. 0730 DEPART HOTEL
9. 0800 DEPART PERTH
10. 1400 ARRIVE CANBERRA (RAAF FAIRBAIRN)
11. 1420 ARRIVE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S RESIDENCE (REST OF
PARTY TO HYATT HOTEL, PRESS TO LAKESIDE HOTEL)
12. 1500 TREE-PLANTING CEREMONY AT RESIDENCE
13. 1530 CALL ON GOVERNOR-GENERAL

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14. 1615 CALL ON PRIME MINISTER HAWKE (MINISTERS WILL
BE CALLED IN AS NECESSARY)
15. 1800/1830 RECEPTION GIVEN BY HIGH COMMISSIONER IN HONOUR
OF PRIME MINISTER AT RESIDENCE
16. 1930 DINNER OFFERED BY GOVERNOR-GENERAL
- WEDNESDAY 3 AUGUST
17. 0900 LEADER OF OPPOSITION CALLS ON PRIME MINISTER
18. 1000-1040 VISIT AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL (LAY WREATH IF
APPROPRIATE: WE ARE CHECKING)
19. 1045-1125 VISIT NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE
OR LAURA ASHLEY SHOP
20. 1130 NATIONAL PRESS CLUB: SPEECH AND QUESTION/ANSWER
SESSION
21. 1225 RETURN TO HIGH COMMISSIONER'S RESIDENCE
22. 1240 DEPART FOR LUNCH
23. 1245 LUNCH OFFERED BY MR HAWKE
24. 1415 DEPART FOR AIRPORT
25. 1440 DEPART CANBERRA (RAAF FAIRBAIRN)
26. 1550 ARRIVE MELBOURNE
27. 1620 ARRIVE HILTON HOTEL
28. 1645-1715/1730 WALKABOUT IN LITTLE COLLINS STREET AND VISIT
TO BODY SHOP (SUBJECT TO SATISFACTORY SECURITY
ARRANGEMENTS)
29. 1800 RECEPTION GIVEN BY HIGH COMMISSIONER IN HONOUR
OF PRIME MINISTER
30. 1930 RECEIVED BY PREMIER OF VICTORIA

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FOR
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OFFICIAL DINNER OFFERED BY STATE GOVERNMENT

THURSDAY 4 AUGUST

31. 0800 LIVE AUSTRALIAN BREAKFAST TV OR RECORDED
MELBOURNE TV STATION INTERVIEW
32. 0830 VISIT HAWKER DE HAVILLAND FACTORY
33. 0930 DEPART FOR AIRPORT
34. 1000 DEPART MELBOURNE
35. 1110 ARRIVE SYDNEY
36. 1135 ARRIVE REGENT HOTEL
37. 1215 CALL ON PREMIER OF NEW SOUTH WALES
38. 1245 LUNCH OFFERED BY PREMIER (POSSIBLY ON BOARD
SYDNEY HARBOUR CRUISE).
39. 1415 VISIT FERRANTI HIGH-TECH TRAINERS, ROYAL
AUSTRALIAN NAVY, WATSONS BAY
40. 1445 DEPART FOR CITY CENTRE BY BOAT
41. 1515- VISIT VIRGIN MEGASTORE, DARLING HARBOUR,
1615 POWERHOUSE MUSEUM AND WALKABOUT
42. 1730- RECEPTION GIVEN BY HIGH COMMISSIONER IN
1900 HONOUR OF PRIME MINISTER AT REGENT HOTEL
43. 1930-1945 LIVE NATIONAL TELEVISION INTERVIEW
44. 2000 PRIME MINISTER HOSTS DINNER FOR PROMINENT
AUSTRALIAN AND BRITISH BUSINESSMEN

FRIDAY 5 AUGUST

45. 0700 DEPART HOTEL
46. 0730 DEPART SYDNEY

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47.	0845	ARRIVE BRISBANE
48.	0910	ARRIVE SHERATON HOTEL (PRESS TO HILTON)
49.	1000	CALL ON PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND
50.	1045	ARRIVE WORLD EXPO 88: CALL ON COMMISSIONER- GENERAL AND CHAIRMAN OF EXPO, 5-MINUTE SPEECH OPENING BRITISH DAY, TOUR AUSTRALIAN AND QUEENSLAND PAVILIONS
51.	1300	OFFICIAL LUNCH OFFERED BY COMMISSIONER- GENERAL OF EXPO
52.	1430	TOUR BRITISH PAVILION
53.	1515	FINAL PRESS CONFERENCE AT EXPO MEDIA CENTRE, FOLLOWED BY INTERVIEWS WITH BRITISH MEDIA
54.	1615- 1715	TOUR BRITISH STORE PROMOTION IN TOWN CENTRE
55.	1830	OFFICIAL RECEPTION OFFERED BY STATE GOVERNMENT
56.	2000	ATTEND 'LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS' AT EXPO 88
57.	2120-2200	ATTEND END OF ROYAL BALLET PERFORMANCE 'RITE OF SPRING'
58.	LATER	BRIEFLY ATTEND HIGH COMMISSIONER'S RECEPTION FOR ROYAL BALLET CAST AND OTHERS

SATURDAY 6 AUGUST

59.	0730	DEPART HOTEL
60.	0740	VISIT YOUNG ENDEAVOUR (MR. ARTHUR WELLER TO PRESENT SPECIAL PHOTOGRAPH ALBUM)
61.	0835	DEPART FOR AIRPORT
62.	0900	DEPART BRISBANE.

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MY TELNOS 341 AND 347 : PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA

1. THE FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS HAVE NOW CONSIDERED THE DRAFT PROGRAMME WHICH I HAVE ALSO DISCUSSED WITH THE CONSULS-GENERAL. MIFT CONTAINS THE REVISED DRAFT. SOME ITEMS STILL REQUIRE FURTHER INVESTIGATION HERE BUT THE DRAFT PROGRAMME IS NOW BROADLY READY FOR DECISIONS IN LONDON. MY SECOND I F T CONTAINS SOME SEPARATE SUGGESTIONS FOR MR THATCHER.

2. HAVING IN THE PAST BEEN INVOLVED IN THE PREPARATION OF PRIME MINISTERIAL VISITS ABROAD I AM MUCH IMPRESSED BY THE SPECIAL COMPLEXITY OF THIS ONE. THIS IS CAUSED BY

(A) THE NEED FOR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO KEEP CONSULTING THE STATES GOVERNMENTS ABOUT THE DETAILS OF THE PROGRAMME (THEIR LAST ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS TOOK MOST OF MAY):

(B) THE BURDEN UNDER WHICH THE AUSTRALIAN ORGANISERS ARE LABOURING IN THIS BICENTENNIAL YEAR. IN JULY AND AUGUST ALONE (SEE PATEY'S TELELETTER OF 30 MAY) THEY HAVE 9 OFFICIAL VISITORS, INCLUDING 4 PRIME MINISTERS, IN ADDITION TO MRS THATCHER.

3. WE SHALL BE VERY CONSIDERABLY HANDICAPPED IF WE HAVE TO TRY TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE PROGRAMME DURING JULY. I SHOULD THEREFORE BE MOST GRATEFUL IF FIRM DECISIONS COULD NOW BE TAKEN ON THE ACCEPTABILITY OF THE PROGRAMME IN MIFT AND ON OTHER QUESTIONS IDENTIFIED IN THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS.

HOTELS

4. THESE HAVE BEEN SELECTED BY THE FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE SECURITY CRITERIA WHICH WE PASSED TO THEM EARLIER. GIVEN THE CRUSH OF BICENTENNIAL VISITORS IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO CHANGE BOOKINGS LATER. ANY OBSERVATIONS SHOULD THEREFORE BE MADE NOW.

HIGH PROFILE EVENTS (YOUR TELNO 233)

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5. WE HAVE INCORPORATED A GOOD MANY MORE BUT WE ARE CONSTRAINED BY THE STATE GOVERNMENTS' WISHES TO ENTERTAIN THE PRIME MINISTER AND BY GEOGRAPHY: MOST BRITISH COMMERCIAL ORGANISATIONS HERE ARE FAR FROM THE CITY CENTRES OR AIRPORTS AND IT WOULD NOT BE EASY TO FIND TIME IN THE PROGRAMME TO VISIT THEM, EVEN BY HELICOPTER. BUT I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE PROGRAMME AS IT NOW STANDS WILL PROVIDE A GREAT DEAL OF EXPOSURE TO THE MEDIA.

SPEECHES

6. THE AUSTRALIANS SAY THAT IN ADDITION TO SPEECHES AT THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB AND EXPO 88, THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD NORMALLY BE EXPECTED TO SAY A FEW WORDS (3 MINUTES MAXIMUM) AT THE 4 DINNERS AND THE 3 LUNCHESES. IF THE PRIME MINISTER, AS I HOPE, AGREES TO OPEN ROLLS ROYCE'S FACTORY, A SHORT SPEECH WILL BE REQUIRED THERE TOO. ALTHOUGH THIS LOOKS A VERY TALL ORDER, IN PRACTICE IT WOULD NOT BE. THE STANDARD OF SPEECHES HERE IS NOT HIGH AND THE REQUIREMENT AT THE VARIOUS MEALS CAN BE MET WITHOUT PREPARATION. HOWEVER, IF YOU WISH US TO DO SO, WE COULD ASK THE AUSTRALIANS TO HAVE NO SPEECHES AT ALL AT THE MEALS.

PERTH

7. IN THE LIGHT OF YOUR TELNO 286, I RECOMMEND THAT THE PRIME MINISTER AGREES TO OPEN ROLLS ROYCE'S NEW FACTORY FOR TURBINE BLADES. I THINK THIS WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT AND BUSINESS-LIKE EVENT WITH WHICH TO BEGIN THE VISIT TO AUSTRALIA. IT WOULD EMPHASISE THE PRIME MINISTER'S INTEREST IN PROMOTING BRITISH INDUSTRY, AND IN BRINGING ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY TO AUSTRALIA, AS WELL AS OUR INTEREST IN WORKING THROUGH JOINT VENTURES WITH AUSTRALIAN FIRMS. THERE HAS BEEN A SUGGESTION FROM THE AUSTRALIANS THAT THE PRIME MINISTER MIGHT OPEN THE FACTORY TOGETHER WITH THE FEDERAL MINISTER OF DEFENCE (BEAZLEY) AND THE STATE PREMIER (DOWDING). IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO OBJECT TO THIS IF IT IS PRESSED. BEAZLEY IS THE LEADING FEDERAL LABOR POLITICIAN IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA AND AN ANGLOPHILE. THE STATE GOVERNMENT HAS INVESTED MONEY IN THE NEW PLANT SO THE PRESENCE OF THE LABOR PREMIER HAS SOME JUSTIFICATION. ARE YOU CONTENT TO GO ALONG WITH THIS SUGGESTION IF IT IS PURSUED?

CANBERRA

8. IN MAY 1979 THE PRIME MINISTER PLANTED A TREE AT THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S RESIDENCE. IT IS IN VERY GOOD HEALTH AND SHOWS

9 YEARS OF STURDY GROWTH. WOULD MRS THATCHER BE PREPARED TO PLANT ANOTHER TREE 9 YEARS ON? THIS EVENT WOULD HAVE A GOOD DEAL OF MEDIA INTEREST.

9. IN CANBERRA, AS IN THE OTHER CAPITALS VISITED EXCEPT PERTH WHERE THERE IS NOT TIME, I HAVE IT IN MIND TO GIVE A RECEPTION FOR AROUND 200 LEADING PEOPLE TO MEET THE PRIME MINISTER AND MR THATCHER. IF SOME SUCH EVENT IS NOT INCLUDED THERE WILL BE MUCH DISAPPOINTMENT IN ALL PLACES. I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR A FIRM DECISION NOW ON WHETHER THESE RECEPTIONS SHOULD BE INCLUDED SO THAT THE RATHER COMPLICATED WORK OF DRAWING UP GUEST LISTS AND MAKING ARRANGEMENTS IN THE VARIOUS CAPITALS CAN BEGIN. (I SHOULD ALSO BE GRATEFUL TO KNOW FROM CONFERENCE DEPARTMENT WHETHER, IF NECESSARY, MY FRAIS CAN BE SUPPLEMENTED FOR THE PURPOSE.)

10. THE GOVERNOR GENERAL IS VERY KEEN TO HOST A MEAL FOR THE PRIME MINISTER. THIS WOULD MEAN THAT SHE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO HOST RECIPROCAL ENTERTAINMENT FOR MR HAWKE. WE THINK THAT IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES WE SHOULD ACCEPT THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S OFFER.

SYDNEY

11. THE AUSTRALIANS HAVE KINDLY OFFERED THEIR PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICIAL RESIDENCE , KIRIBILLI HOUSE, TO MRS THATCHER FOR THE DURATION OF HER STAY IN SYDNEY. HOWEVER, IT IS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF SYDNEY HARBOUR, SOME 20 MINUTES DRIVE FROM THE CITY CENTRE AND FROM THE RECOMMENDED HOTEL FOR THE DELEGATION. I FEAR THAT A GOOD DEAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE DIFFICULTY WOULD BE CAUSED BY ACCEPTING THIS ARRANGEMENT. I BELIEVE THAT THE AUSTRALIANS WILL UNDERSTAND IF WE COURTEOUSLY DECLINE THE INVITATION AND I THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT THE PRIME MINISTER STAYS AT THE REGENT HOTEL IN THE CITY CENTRE.

BRISBANE

12. THE STATE GOVERNMENT WISHES TO OFFER HOSPITALITY TO THE PRIME MINISTER. AS THE LUNCH SHOULD BE HOSTED BY THE COMMISSIONER-GENERAL OF EXPO 88, THE STATE GOVERNMENT SHOULD HOST A BUFFET/ RECEPTION IN THE EARLY EVENING.

13. MR ARTHUR WELLER, WHO FINANCED MUCH OF THE YOUNG ENDEAVOUR PROJECT, HAS ASKED WHETHER HE COULD PRESENT TO THE PRIME MINISTER A SPECIAL PHOTOGRAPH ALBUM RELATING TO THE YOUNG ENDEAVOUR

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PROJECT. I SUGGEST THAT HE DOES THIS DURING THE COURSE OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO YOUNG ENDEAVOUR. AGREED?

14. THERE WILL BE SOME LINCOLNSHIRE SIXTH FORMERS IN BRISBANE AT THE TIME. WOULD THE PRIME MINISTER LIKE TO MEET THE SCHOOL CHILDREN EITHER AT MY RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE ROYAL BALLET OR DURING A SEPARATE 20-MINUTE MEETING?

TV AND RADIO INTERVIEWS

15. WE HAVE SUGGESTED SPECIFIC INTERVIEWS IN PERTH, MELBOURNE AND SYDNEY. IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO RECORDED INTERVIEWS (WHICH MIGHT BE SUBJECT TO EDITING)? ARE THERE ANY CONDITIONS RELATING TO SUCH INTERVIEWS? OR WOULD YOU PREFER TO LEAVE THESE MATTERS TO BE SETTLED DURING THE RECONNAISSANCE VISIT?

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AUSTRALIAN HIGH-LEVEL VISITS

1. YOU MAY FIND IT USEFUL TO HAVE A LIST OF FORTHCOMING
HIGH-LEVEL VISITS TO AUSTRALIA:

JUNE

KING AND QUEEN OF SPAIN, 13-19

JULY

PRIME MINISTER OF JAPAN, 1-5
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER OF USSR (KAMENTSEV), 4-8
PRINCE KATSURA OF JAPAN, 6-16
PRIME MINISTER OF IRELAND, 10-17
GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF NEW ZEALAND, 13-17
PRIME MINISTER OF SRI LANKA, 18-24

AUGUST

PRESIDENT OF NAURU, 6-12
PRIME MINISTER OF NEW ZEALAND, 16-21
PRESIDENT OF THE EC, LATE AUGUST/EARLY SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

CHANCELLOR KOHL, 3-7
PRESIDENT COSSIGA OF ITALY, 10-17
PRIME MINISTER OF THAILAND

NOVEMBER

PRINCE ALBERT OF BELGIUM, LEADING AN ECONOMIC MISSION
QUEEN OF NETHERLANDS, 24-25

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COMMENT

2. YOU WILL NOTE THAT MR HAUGHEY WILL BE HERE A FEW WEEKS BEFORE MRS THATCHER. IRISH MATTERS WILL THEREFORE BE VERY MUCH TO THE FORE WHEN THE PRIME MINISTER ARRIVES.

SIGNED: W C PATEY

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