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FM CANBERRA  
TO DESKBY 100900Z FCO  
TELNO 413  
OF 100730Z JUN 88

FOR SPD  
YOUR TELNOS 312 AND 320: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT

1. WE HAVE CONSIDERED CAREFULLY HOW THE PRIME MINISTER'S WISH TO PAY A VISIT TO THE OUTBACK CAN BE ACCOMMODATED. WE LOOKED AT THE POSSIBLE LANDING SITES BETWEEN PERTH AND CANBERRA, WITH THE FOLLOWING RESULTS:

KALGOORLIE (WA) - RUNWAY TOO SHORT FOR A VC10

ALBANY (WA) - DITTO

ESPERANCE (WA) - DITTO

CEDUNA (SA) - TOTALLY INADEQUATE

WHYALLA (SA) - RUNWAY TOO SHORT

BROKEN HILL (NSW) - LANDING CONCESSION REQUIRED AS VC10 WOULD BE HEAVIER THAN MAXIMUM WEIGHT NORMALLY ALLOWED. HOWEVER, FIRE COVER DOES NOT MEET THE RAF'S REQUIREMENTS. OTHERWISE, A VISIT TO THE ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE (RFDS) AND SCHOOL OF THE AIR COULD BE UNDERTAKEN DURING A 2 HOUR VISIT THERE ALTHOUGH THE PRIME MINISTER VISITED BOTH DURING HER 1976 VISIT.

2. THIS LEAVES ALICE SPRINGS, WHICH COULD TAKE A VC10. NOWADAYS A TOURIST-TRAP, ALICE SPRINGS IS THE HQ OF THE RFDS AND HAS A SCHOOL OF THE AIR WHERE THE PRIME MINISTER COULD SPEAK TO CHILDREN IN REMOTE AREAS. HOWEVER, EVEN WITH AN EARLIER DEPARTURE FROM PERTH AT 0730 AND ONLY 2 HOURS ON THE GROUND IN ALICE, THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD NOT ARRIVE IN CANBERRA UNTIL 1645. ON THAT BASIS, I DO NOT THINK THAT USEFUL TALKS WITH HAWKE COULD TAKE PLACE UNTIL THE FOLLOWING DAY. CONSEQUENTLY, THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISITS TO THE WAR MEMORIAL AND EITHER NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE OR LAURA ASHLEY WOULD BE SCRAPPED, AS WOULD BE MY RECEPTION ON 2 AUGUST AND THE TREE-PLANTING CEREMONY. A CALL ON THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL WOULD BE UNNECESSARY AS HE IS OFFERING DINNER. THE PROGRAMME FROM THE PRIME MINISTER'S ARRIVAL IN CANBERRA UNTIL 1730 ON

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3 AUGUST WOULD, THEREFORE, BE AS FOLLOWS:

2 AUGUST

1645 ARRIVE CANBERRA  
1705 ARRIVE HC'S RESIDENCE  
1930 FOR DINNER OFFERED BY GOVERNOR-GENERAL  
2000

3 AUGUST

0845-1030 CALL ON MR HAWKE: OFFICIAL TALKS  
1045-1130 MR HOWARD CALLS ON PRIME MINISTER  
1200-1255 NATIONAL PRESS CLUB  
1300 MR HAWKE'S LUNCH  
1430 DEPART FOR AIRPORT  
1455 DEPART CANBERRA  
1605 ARRIVE MELBOURNE  
1635 ARRIVE HILTON HOTEL  
1700-1730 WALKABOUT AND SHOP VISIT

3. A SIMPLER ALTERNATIVE TO STOPPING EN ROUTE TO CANBERRA WOULD BE TO VISIT A SHEEP STATION NEAR CANBERRA ON 3 AUGUST. SUCH A VISIT COULD INCLUDE A 40-60 MINUTE ROUND-TRIP DRIVE THROUGH THE COUNTRYSIDE, BREAKFAST AT THE STATION, A TRIP AROUND THE STATION, AND A LOOK AT SHEEPDOGS AT WORK. SHEARING IS NOT DONE IN WINTER. IF THIS WERE TO GO AHEAD, THE PROGRAMME FROM 1530 ON 2 AUGUST TO 1730 ON 3 AUGUST WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS:

2 AUGUST

1530-1715 CALL ON MR HAWKE: OFFICIAL TALKS  
1730-1815 MR HOWARD CALLS ON PRIME MINISTER

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1930 FOR DINNER OFFERED BY GOVERNOR-GENERAL  
2000

3 AUGUST

0730 DEPART RESIDENCE FOR SHEEP STATION (TO INCLUDE  
BREAKFAST)

1100 ARRIVE BACK AT RESIDENCE

1200-1255 NATIONAL PRESS CLUB SPEECH

1300 LUNCH OFFERED BY MR HAWKE

1430 DEPART FOR AIRPORT

1455 DEPART CANBERRA

1605 ARRIVE MELBOURNE

1635 ARRIVE HILTON HOTEL

1700-1730 WALKABOUT AND VISIT TO BODY SHOP.

4. AUSTRALIANS HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO EITHER OPTION, BUT SAY THAT  
THEY CANNOT SUPPLY A TOTALLY ARMoured CAR IN ALICE. GRATEFUL FOR  
YOUR ADVICE DESKBY 132230Z AS TO WHICH OF THESE ALTERNATIVES  
WE SHOULD PURSUE FURTHER.

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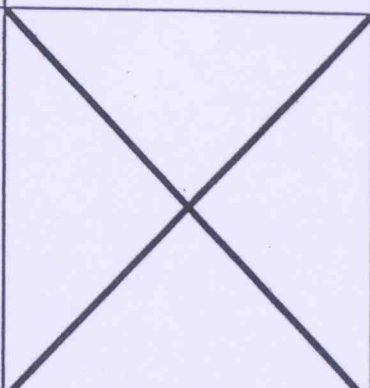
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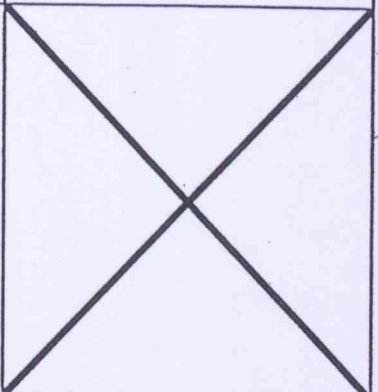
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