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MR JAMES LESLIE, CHAIRMAN QANTAS

SIR BRUCE WATSON, CHAIRMAN MOUNT ISA MINES

SIR RODERICK CARNEGIE, PRESIDENT, BUSINESS COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA

MR ALEX GORRIE, CHAIRMAN BP AUSTRALIA

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA: LUNCH IN SYDNEY

1. I RECOMMEND THAT THE LUNCH WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER HAS AGREED TO HOST IN SYDNEY ON THURSDAY 4 AUGUST FOR LEADING AUSTRALIAN BUSINESSMEN SHOULD BE IN A PRIVATE ROOM AT THE INTER-CONTINENTAL HOTEL AND RESTRICTED TO 24 PEOPLE. IF THE GROUP WERE ANY LARGER, THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY IN TALKING TO ALL OF THOSE INVITED.

2. THE OBJECT OF THE LUNCH MIGHT BE FOR THE PRIME MINISTER TO DESCRIBE TO THE BUSINESSMEN THE CURRENT STATE OF THE BRITISH ECONOMY AND THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR AUSTRALIAN COMPANIES IN THE BRITAIN AND EUROPE OF 1992: AND TO ENABLE HER TO HEAR THEIR VIEWS ON THE FUTURE OF AUSTRALIA AND ITS RELEVANCE TO BRITISH COMMERCIAL INTERESTS.

3. MIFT CONTAINS A LIST OF 18 SUGGESTED NAMES (AND RESERVES). I HAVE INCLUDED THE CHAIRMEN OF THE TOP TEN AUSTRALIAN COMPANIES (BY CAPITALISATION), THREE OTHER CHAIRMEN WHOSE COMPANIES EITHER BUY SUBSTANTIALLY FROM THE UK AND/OR HAVE SUBSIDIARIES IN IT, FOUR BUSINESSMEN WITH BRITISH CONNEXTIONS AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE FOREMOST AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS ORGANISATION. I WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR APPROVAL OF THE LIST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (COULD THE RECONNAISSANCE PARTY PLEASE BRING WITH THEM 40 INVITATION CARDS IN THE NAME OF THE PRIME MINISTER ?).

4. I SUGGEST THAT THE BEST WAY TO ORGANISE THE LUNCH WOULD BE TO HAVE TWO TABLES OF 12, WITH THE PRIME MINISTER HOSTING ONE AND MR THATCHER THE OTHER, AND CHANGING PLACES AFTER THE MAIN COURSE.

5. ON OUR SIDE, I SUGGEST THAT THE LUNCH IS ATTENDED BY ME, THE PPS OR PS, THE CONSUL-GENERAL IN SYDNEY AND MY COUNSELLOR (ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL), THE LAST TWO BECAUSE THEY ARE FAMILIAR WITH THOSE INVITED AND WITH THE TRADE RELATIONSHIP.

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YOUR TELNO 361: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA: SYDNEY

1. THE PREMIER OF NEW SOUTH WALES MAY WELL WANT TO EXPLOIT THE OFFICIAL DINNER IN SYDNEY FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES AND THEREFORE SPEAK AT SOME LENGTH. I HAVE NOT YET CONVEYED TO HIM THE PRIME MINISTER'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE DINNER INVITATION. IN DOING SO, I CAN IF YOU WISH ASK THAT IN THE LIGHT OF THE HEAVY SPEAKING COMMITMENTS WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER ALREADY HAS IN THE PROGRAMME HE SHOULD AGREE THAT SPEECHES AT THE DINNER WILL NOT EXTEND BEYOND, SAY, 5 MINUTES. GRATEFUL FOR INSTRUCTIONS.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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27 June 1988

Dear Charles ^{or,}

Prime Minister's Visit to Australia:
Contacts with the Opposition

In your letter of 23 June ^{day} you agreed to the dinner offered by Mr Greiner in Sydney but questioned the length of speech required. You will have now seen Mr Coles' telno 479 (copy attached), in which he proposes that, in order to deter the Premier from making a lengthy political speech, he should seek agreement to limit speeches to a maximum of five minutes.

This seems to us to be good advice. If the Prime Minister agrees, we shall so instruct Canberra.

Yours ever

(R N Peirce)
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
10 Downing Street

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