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TO DESKBY 292230Z CANBERRA
TELNO 382
OF 291700Z JUNE 88

FROM SPD
YOUR TELNOS 494 AND 501: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT
1. PS/NO 10 HAS MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON YOUR TURS:
A CANBERRA TIMETABLE
WE SHOULD SETTLE FOR A MEETING WITH THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION
AFTER THE CALL ON MR HAWKE. THUS THE PRIME MINISTER WILL BE
ABLE TO COMPLETE WORK ON HER NATIONAL PRESS CLUB SPEECH EARLY IN
THE MORNING BEFORE SHE SETS OFF FOR HER MEETINGS WITH MR HAWKE
AND MR HOWARD.

B SYDNEY
THE PROPOSAL FOR A VISIT TO HMAS WATSON IS AN IMAGINATIVE ONE AND
WOULD BE WELCOME TO THE PRIME MINISTER ALTHOUGH WE WOULD PREFER
NOT TO PURSUE THE FURTHER VISITS TO DARLING HARBOUR AND THE
POWERHOUSE MUSUEM.

C MELBOURNE
PS/NO 10 AGREES THAT YOU SHOULD NOT GIVE A RECEPTION AND THAT
A VISIT TO THE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL RESEARCH SHOULD BE
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29 June 1988

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Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's visit to Australia: meeting with
the Opposition

With reference to my letter of ~~28~~ ^{FIG WITH TG} June, Canberra telegram no 494 (copy attached) now recommends that the Prime Minister's meeting with Mr Howard on 3 August takes place immediately after her call on Mr Hawke.

Although such an arrangement would reduce the preparation time for the National Press Club speech to 30 minutes, we consider this timetable to be much more satisfactory than the previous version which envisaged a breakfast meeting with Mr Howard.

If you agree, we will instruct Canberra accordingly.

Yours ever,

(A C Galsworthy)
Private Secretary

C D Powell Esq
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MY TELNO 490: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT: CANBERRA MEETINGS

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3. HE AND THE FEDERAL PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT WOULD BE SATISFIED WITH THE FOLLOWING REVISED PROGRAMME FOR THE MORNING OF 3 AUGUST:

0840 PRIME MINISTER DEPARTS RESIDENCE
0845 CEREMONIAL WELCOME AT NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE
0900 SHORT TOUR OF NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE ESCORTED BY MR HAWKE
0920-1050 CALL ON MR HAWKE
1055-1125 CALL ON MR HOWARD AND TWO OR THREE SHADOW CABINET COLLEAGUES
1125 LEAVE FOR NATIONAL PRESS CLUB
1130-1200 PREPARE FOR SPEECH TO NATIONAL PRESS CLUB
(A PRIVATE ROOM AND WASHROOM FACILITIES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE)
1200 ADDRESS NATIONAL PRESS CLUB

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From the Private Secretary

29 June 1988

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA

The telegrams from Canberra rain in faster even than I can write letters about them. Since my letter of earlier this morning, I have received telegram numbers 494, 495 and 501.

Telegram 494 in fact deals quite neatly with my point about the timing of the meeting with the Leader of the Opposition and I think we should now settle for this. The Prime Minister will be able to complete work on her National Press Club speech early in the morning before she sets off for her meetings with Mr. Hawke and Mr. Howard.

I will consult the Special Branch on the point about protected cars in telegram number 495.

As regards telegram number 501, I think the proposal for a visit to HMAS Watson is an imaginative one and would be welcome to the Prime Minister although I would prefer not to pursue the further visits to Darling Harbour and the Power House Museum. I agree that the High Commissioner should not give a reception in Melbourne and that a visit to the Institute of Medical Research should be substituted.

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I should like if possible to have a complete revised programme to show to the Prime Minister this weekend so that she can start planning clothes and so on.

(C. D. POWELL)

R. N. Peirce, Esq.,
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From the Private Secretary

29 June 1988

Dear Bob,

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA

On return from Hanover I have seen two further telegrams about the Prime Minister's programme in Australia on which you may find it helpful to have comments:

- Canberra telegram 474 deals with the lunch which the Prime Minister is to host in Sydney. The suggestions made as to how the lunch should be organised and the list of invitees both look admirable;
- Canberra telegram 490 deals with the Prime Minister's meetings in Canberra itself. I wonder if it is right for the Prime Minister to see the leader of the opposition before her meeting with the Australian Prime Minister. It is certainly a sequence which we try to avoid in the case of similar visits in this country. I am also worried by the early start: if it is a day when the Prime Minister also has the hairdresser it will mean beginning the day very early after a heavy programme the day before. I do not have any ready solution for this but wonder whether we cannot look at the timings again to see if there is some way in which the meeting with Mr. Howard could be put in after the meeting with Mr. Hawke. For instance, if the meeting with Mr. Hawke ended at 1045, the Prime Minister could then see Mr. Howard from 1045-1130 before going straight on to the Press Club (if the speech is not finished by then it never will be!).

*Yours sincerely,
Chris Powell*

(C. D. POWELL)

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Dear Charles,

Prime Minister's Visit to Australia: Meetings in Canberra

You may have seen Canberra telegram no 490 (copy enclosed) with the latest proposed timings for the morning of 3 August in Canberra.

This timetable has the Prime Minister meeting the Leader of the Opposition before she sees Mr Hawke. The Foreign Secretary saw Mr Howard first during his own visit to Australia; the press tried to make something of this, and Mr Hawke also mentioned the point even though there was a very good reason for it (the Foreign Secretary went to Sydney before Canberra, and Mr Howard was staying in Sydney at the time). The Foreign Secretary does not think that this should rule out the timetable now proposed for the Prime Minister, but he thinks that it should first be firmly established that the Australians themselves are content. The press may still try a little mischief, but that should be tolerable if there is no sensitivity on the part of the hosts.

I should be grateful for your views both on the timing of Mr Howard's call and Mr Coles' suggestion that it should take place over coffee rather than a working breakfast.

Yours ever,
(Signature)

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(R N Peirce)
Private Secretary

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YOUR TELNO 370: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT - CANBERRA MEETINGS

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2. WE THEREFORE PROPOSE REVISED TIMINGS FOR 3 AUGUST UP TO 1200 AS FOLLOWS:

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0930-1100 MEETING WITH MR HAWKE
1110 ARRIVE RESIDENCE
1150 DEPART RESIDENCE FOR NATIONAL PRESS CLUB

3. I ENVISAGE MR HOWARD'S CALL AT 0800 TAKING PLACE OVER COFFEE BUT NOT, UNLESS NO.10 SPECIFICALLY WANT IT, A WORKING BREAKFAST.

4. WE SHALL PROCEED WITH THE ABOVE ARRANGEMENTS UNLESS WE HERE FROM YOU TO THE CONTRARY BY CLOSE OF PLAY 30 JUNE.

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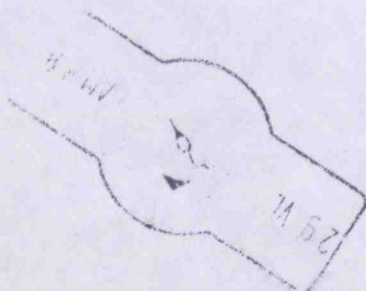
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From the Private Secretary

28 June 1988

PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA: TALKS
WITH THE OPPOSITION

Thank you for your letter of 27 June proposing the speeches at the dinner in Sydney be limited to a maximum of five minutes. This seems an excellent idea.

CHARLES POWELL

Bob Peirce, Esq.,
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

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