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THE PRIME MINISTER

6 August 1988

Dear John and Ann

The visit to Australia was absolutely splendid, and I cannot thank you enough for all the careful preparation which you and your staff put into it. There was a clear objective of giving more substance to our relations, and a carefully worked out plan for how to go about it. As a result, I think we succeeded in most of what we set out to achieve, with the commitment to a further high-level meeting in the United Kingdom next year. We must ensure that Bob Hawke's visit is a success; and I shall also take steps to make clear to all Departments in Whitehall that I want the momentum created by my visit to be effectively followed through, particularly in the commercial field.

But the visit was also tremendously enjoyable for both of us and it was very good to find such a strong residual goodwill towards Britain and wish to preserve the links with us. That should be a very good basis for the future. The fact that you and Ann came everywhere with us added very much to the pleasure of it all, indeed it was quite like old times.

I have written to thank Bob Hawke and all the State Premiers and other officials. Thank you for all your support and advice; and please tell all your staff, both in Canberra and in the Consulates-General how grateful I am for their work. I would add a special word of thanks to Iain Lindsay who was outstanding in the help he gave throughout.

Denis joins me in sending warmest regards to you
both.

Yours
Louis

Raymond and Denis

His Excellency Mr. A. J. Coles, C.M.G.



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THE PRIME MINISTER

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Dear Mr. Anderson

Thank you very much indeed for making the arrangements for my visit to Australia. They were absolutely splendid, indeed I have never been so well looked after. It must have involved an enormous amount of work in a year in which you are particularly burdened with foreign visitors. I can only say that it is very much appreciated: I enjoyed every minute of my time, and of course your careful planning enabled me to make the most of it.

I am really very grateful to you, and indeed to all those who helped with the arrangements, and would ask you to pass on my thanks to them.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely

Rajiv Gandhi

Mr. Duncan Anderson, C.V.O.
Asst. Sec. and Commonwealth Visit Director,
Ceremonial and Hospitality Branch, Canberra



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THE PRIME MINISTER

6 August 1988

Dear High Commissioner

It was very good of you and your wife to accompany us throughout our visit to Australia, and added tremendously to our enjoyment of it. I am very pleased indeed with the outcome of the visit, both on the political level where my talks with Bob Hawke were extremely friendly and useful, and on the wider front of reinforcing the relations between Britain and Australia. I am particularly pleased that Bob has agreed to visit Britain next year.

The programme arranged for me was excellent in every respect and the memory of the welcome which I received will stay with me always. Thank you again for all you did, and Denis and I look forward to seeing you both again in London.

With warm regards, — we shall never forget
this wonderful visit.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency The Hon. Douglas McClelland, A.C.
Australian H.C. in London

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TO IMMEDIATE CANBERRA

FOLLOWING FOR HIGH COMMISSIONER
FROM CHARLES POWELL

THIS TELEGRAM CONTAINS THE TEXT OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S
REMAINING THANK YOU LETTERS FOR HER VISIT TO AUSTRALIA.
I SHOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD ARRANGE FOR
THEM TO BE DELIVERED. WE SHALL SEND THE SIGNED ORIGINALS
FROM LONDON.

EVERYONE ON THE VC10 JOINS IN THANKING YOU AND ANN FOR
YOUR TREMENDOUS KINDNESS AND HELP DURING OUR STAY. IT
WAS AN UNFORGETTABLE VISIT.

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1. QUOTE

DEAR MR ANDERSON

THANK YOU VERY MUCH INDEED FOR MAKING THE ARRANGEMENTS
FOR MY VISIT TO AUSTRALIA. THEY WERE ABSOLUTELY SPLENDID,
INDEED I HAVE NEVER BEEN SO WELL LOOKED AFTER. IT MUST
HAVE INVOLVED AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF WORK IN A YEAR IN WHICH
YOU ARE PARTICULARLY BURDENED WITH FOREIGN VISITORS. I CAN
ONLY SAY THAT IT IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED: I ENJOYED EVERY
MINUTE OF MY TIME, AND OF COURSE YOUR CAREFUL PLANNING ENABLED
ME TO MAKE THE MOST OF IT.

I AM REALLY VERY GRATEFUL TO YOU, AND INDEED TO ALL THOSE
WHO HELPED WITH THE ARRANGEMENTS, AND WOULD ASK YOU TO PASS
ON MY THANKS TO THEM.

WITH ALL GOOD WISHES,

YOURS SINCERELY

MARGARET THATCHER

UNQUOTE

(TO MR. DUNCAN ANDERSON, C.V.O.)

2. QUOTE

DEAR BOB

I AM WRITING TO YOU AS WE FLY OVER THE NORTHERN TERRITORIES
TOWARDS DARWIN AT THE END OF MY VISIT TO AUSTRALIA, WITH THE
LAST GLIMPSES OF YOUR GREAT LAND BELOW ME. I LEAVE WITH THE
WARMEST POSSIBLE MEMORIES AND WITH A FEELING OF ACHIEVEMENT
BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT YOU AND I HAVE TOGETHER TAKEN A VERY
IMPORTANT STEP TO PUTTING THE RELATIONS BETWEEN BRITAIN AND
AUSTRALIA BACK ON A MUCH SOUNDER AND HEALTHIER FOOTING. I AM
VERY GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR YOUR ROLE IN THAT, AND FOR TAKING UP
SO PROMPTLY AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY MY SUGGESTION THAT YOU MAKE
A RETURN VISIT NEXT YEAR. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU AND
YOUR COLLEAGUES, AND MUST ENSURE THAT IT IS A WELL PREPARED
MEETING WITH REAL SUBSTANCE.

MAY I THANK YOU MOST WARMLY FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY DURING
MY OWN VISIT. I COULD NOT HAVE HAD A MORE HEARTENING WELCOME
BOTH IN CANBERRA AND IN THE STATES AND IT WAS VERY GOOD TO FIND
WHAT A STRONG DESIRE THERE IS EVERYWHERE TO MAINTAIN THE LINKS
WITH BRITAIN. WHAT YOU HAVE ACHIEVED IN AUSTRALIA IS MOST
IMPRESSIVE AND I CONGRATULATE YOU VERY SINCERELY UPON IT.
I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO RECORD MY GREAT APPRECIATION OF THE
ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR THE VISIT BY YOUR OFFICIALS. THEY WERE
OUTSTANDING, INDEED BETTER THAN I HAVE EVER SEEN ANYWHERE. I
AM MOST GRATEFUL TO ALL OF THEM, AND IN PARTICULAR TO DUNCAN
ANDERSON WHO ACCOMPANIED US THROUGHOUT.

DENIS JOINS ME IN SENDING WARM REGARDS TO YOU AND YOUR
WIFE - AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU BOTH IN THE UNITED
KINGDOM NEXT YEAR.

BEST WISHES FROM US BOTH TO YOU BOTH

YOURS EVER

MARGARET

UNQUOTE

(TO THE HONOURABLE R. J. L. HAWKE, A.C., N.P.)

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3. QUOTE

DEAR CONSUL-GENERAL

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ALL THE WORK WHICH YOU PUT INTO MY VISIT TO BRISBANE AND TO THE BRITISH CONTRIBUTION TO EXPO. IT WAS A GREAT DAY AND WONDERFUL TO SEE THE RESPONSE AT THE LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS. I COULD NOT HAVE HAD A MORE ENCOURAGING AND ENJOYABLE FINALE TO MY VISIT TO AUSTRALIA.

PLEASE ALSO PASS ON TO YOUR STAFF MY THANKS AND APPRECIATION.

WITH WARM REGARDS TO YOU AND YOUR WIFE.

YOURS SINCERELY

MARGARET THATCHER

UNQUOTE

(TO H. J. O. R. TUNNELL, ESQ.)

4. QUOTE

DEAR JOHN AND ANN

THE VISIT TO AUSTRALIA WAS ABSOLUTELY SPLENDID, AND I CANNOT THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR ALL THE CAREFUL PREPARATION WHICH YOU AND YOUR STAFF PUT INTO IT. THERE WAS A CLEAR OBJECTIVE OF GIVING MORE SUBSTANCE TO OUR RELATIONS, AND A CAREFULLY WORKED OUT PLAN FOR HOW TO GO ABOUT IT. AS A RESULT, I THINK WE SUCCEEDED IN MOST OF WHAT WE SET OUT TO ACHIEVE, WITH THE COMMITMENT TO A FURTHER HIGH-LEVEL MEETING IN THE UNITED KINGDOM NEXT YEAR. WE MUST ENSURE THAT BOB HAWKE'S VISIT IS A SUCCESS SEMI-COLON AND I SHALL ALSO TAKE STEPS TO MAKE CLEAR TO ALL DEPARTMENTS IN WHITEHALL THAT I WANT THE MOMENTUM CREATED BY MY VISIT TO BE EFFECTIVELY FOLLOWED THROUGH, PARTICULARLY IN THE COMMERCIAL FIELD.

BUT THE VISIT WAS ALSO TREMENDOUSLY ENJOYABLE FOR BOTH OF US AND IT WAS VERY GOOD TO FIND SUCH A STRONG RESIDUAL GOODWILL TOWARDS BRITAIN AND WISH TO PRESERVE THE LINKS WITH US. THAT SHOULD BE A VERY GOOD BASIS FOR THE FUTURE. THE FACT THAT YOU AND ANN CAME EVERYWHERE WITH US ADDED VERY MUCH TO THE PLEASURE OF IT ALL, INDEED IT WAS QUITE LIKE OLD TIMES.

I HAVE WRITTEN TO THANK BOB HAWKE AND ALL THE STATE PREMIERS AND OTHER OFFICIALS. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT AND ADVICE SEMI-COLON AND PLEASE TELL ALL YOUR STAFF, BOTH IN CANBERRA AND IN THE CONSULATES-GENERAL HOW GRATEFUL I AM FOR THEIR WORK. I WOULD ADD A SPECIAL WORD OF THANKS TO IAIN LINDSAY WHO WAS OUTSTANDING IN THE HELP HE GAVE THROUGHOUT.

DENIS JOINS ME IN SENDING WARMEST REGARDS TO YOU BOTH.

YOURS EVER

MARGARET AND DENIS

UNQUOTE

(TO HIS EXCELLENCY MR. A. J. COLES, C.M.G.)

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THE PRIME MINISTER

6 August 1988

Dear Consul-General

Thank you very much for all the work which you put into my visit to Brisbane and to the British contribution to EXPO. It was a great day and wonderful to see the response at the Last Night of the Proms. I could not have had a more encouraging and enjoyable finale to my visit to Australia.

Please also pass on to your staff my thanks and appreciation.

With warm regards to you and your wife.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Dalrymple

H. J. O. R. Tunnell, Esq.