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My dear Charles,

I know the thank-you letter usually
go the other way on these occasions - and I am very
grateful for the encouraging and stimulating one received
from the Prime Minister this morning - but I
very much want to thank you for your absolutely key
part in the success of the Australia visit. I know
that it was you who seized upon and so accurately
interpreted the political message that I was trying to
get across before the visit - so that the speeches and
letter came across exactly as I would have wanted
them to. That apart, I very much admired your
deft handling of the whole visit, and I hope it was
not too much of a bore to have an old private
meeting around.

I was sick about Melbourne and enjoy that

It should have happened on my territory. But I
have thought it all through since you left and cannot
blame anyone except the police. I shall be writing
separately about that side of things.

Have a good holiday. It was so nice to see
everyone from No. 10 again - made me quite nostalgic.

Warm thanks

Yours ever

John.