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THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

August 17, 1988

Dear Charles,

Now that I have returned to London after my recent visit to Australia I am writing to thank you and all of your colleagues on the Prime Minister's staff for the warm and friendly welcome and assistance you always gave to Lorna and me as we travelled with you around Australia.

The trip is now one of the fond memories of our lives and we sincerely trust that all of you enjoyed your visit to Australia as much as we did accompanying you.

Please convey to everyone my warmest best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

(Douglas McClelland)

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My dear Prime Minister
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When I returned to London this morning there was awaiting me your letter of 6th August, expressing your pleasure with the outcome of your recent visit to Australia and your delight that the Australian Prime Minister has agreed to visit Britain next year.

Might I take this opportunity to respond by saying that Lorna and I were honoured to be invited to travel with you and Denis on your RAF aircraft during your visit and we are most grateful to the both of you and to all members of your staff for the warm and friendly way in which we were accepted as travelling companions of those accompanying you. We were always made to feel most welcome and with friends.

Might I also add that it was of enormous assistance to me and my wife to be able to get to know John Coles and Anne on a personal basis and to work closely with them. They are doing a wonderful job in Australia.

In the week after you left Brisbane for Malaysia and Thailand, and whilst I remained in Australia, quite a number of Australians spoke to me about your visit. They all said they were delighted to see the closeness of the links between our two countries reinforced publicly by your visit. I am sure you did much to reinforce those close ties.

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Lorna and I thank you and Denis very much for the many courtesies you extended to us as we moved around Australia and we look forward to seeing you in London in the near future, hopefully to be able to exchange reminiscences of the trip. From our own personal point of view we could not have had a more pleasant and enjoyable return to our homeland.

Warmest best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Doug McClelland

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