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Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher, FRS, MP Prime Minister 10 Downing Street LONDON SW1, UK

Dear Mrs Thatcher,

ME

I am writing on behalf of all members of the Australian Parliamentary Delegation, rather belatedly, to thank you for the time our delegation spent with you. You will understand that since our return, the opening and commissioning our new parliament building has kept us more than preoccupied during the last months.

We were particularly pleased that this delegation, the first for some considerable time, found throughout our visit a great warmth and respect for Australia, its people and institutions, a warmth and respect which we had come to take for granted.

You were most generous of your time and frank in our discussions, both of which were appreciated by members of the delegation. It enabled us to gain a much deeper appreciation of issues - political, social and economic - which impact upon our communities. The sharing of ideas, experiences and information, best achieved by the regular exchange of parliamentary delegations, ensures that our common ideals may be understood and disseminated.

Please accept our deepest appreciation for your personal contribution to the success of our delegation's visit. Would you also convey our warmest thanks to your ministerial colleagues who also made our visit most worthwhile.

On a personal note, I was glad to renew our acquaintance on your recent visit to Australia. I hope your visit to Australia was as useful and enjoyable as our visit to the United Kingdom.

Yours faithfally

Leo McLeay, MP

Leader of Australian Parliamentary Delegation

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