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From the Private Secretary

16 March 1989

I enclose a copy of a letter to the Prime Minister from Mr. Hawke thanking her for Britain's participation in the Australian Bicentennial celebrations.

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6 or 8 lines.

I should be grateful if you would bring to the attention of the Prime Minister the attached letter from the Australian Prime Minister, Mr Hawke, expressing his warm thanks for the extensive and generous participation by the British Government and people in the Australian Bicentennial celebrations.

Kind regards,

David

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Dear Margaret,

PRIME MINISTER
CANBERRA

- 6 MAR 1989

Now that our Bicentennial year has passed, I write to express the sincere appreciation of the Government and people of Australia for your country's imaginative and generous response to our Bicentennial celebrations.

Australians saw the Bicentenary not only as a significant national celebration but as a celebration of our friendship with other nations. We were delighted by the enthusiasm with which the United Kingdom involved itself in our celebrations, an involvement which reflected the close and warm bonds of friendship between our two peoples.

We were honoured that you and Denis were able to visit Australia in August.

We appreciate that Britain's high profile in Australia during 1988 was in no small measure due to the work of the Britain-Australia Bicentennial Committee which set an ambitious agenda for Britain's involvement in the Bicentenary. I would be grateful if you would convey my own thanks, together with those of the Government and people of Australia, to Sir Peter Gadsden and the members of the Committee.

We are especially grateful for Britain's generous gift of the sail training vessel 'Young Endeavour' which took part in the Tall Ships event; and that Britain was able to participate in the Bicentennial Naval Salute, the Bicentennial International Air Show, the Bicentennial Military Tattoo, World Expo 88, the International Mathematical Olympiad, the Youth Skill Olympics and numerous sporting events, cultural activities and international conferences.

I take this opportunity to add my personal thanks and warmest greetings.

Yours sincerely
Bob

The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher, MP
Prime Minister
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