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From the Private Secretary

13 March 1989

VISIT BY THE PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA

Thank you for your letter of 10 March about the Australian Prime Minister's visit in June. I have already replied separately to the point about Parliamentary involvement.

I can now confirm that the timings proposed in your letter for 21 and 22 June are convenient and have been entered in the diary. I do not think the Prime Minister will want to attend the Lord Mayor's dinner on the evening of 21 June.

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From the Private Secretary

12 March 1989

VISIT BY THE AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER

You wrote to me on 10 March raising various points about Mr. Hawke's visit in June. I have discussed with the Prime Minister the problem over his apparent wish to address both Houses of Parliament. She agrees that we should not make an exception for Mr. Hawke on this, but has asked whether we might arrange for him to give a speech in the Guildhall. Since the Lord Mayor is giving a dinner for him, I imagine that this need not be pursued separately.

I will write further about the various timings for the meetings with Mr. Hawke.

(CHARLES POWELL)

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MRS PONSONBY

Charles

- ① Timings all OK
- ② I agree with you about Lord Mayor's banquet

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VISIT BY THE PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA

Could you look at the timings proposed for the various meetings and entertainment for Mr Hawke in June and let me know if they fit. I see no reason for the Prime Minister to go to the Lord Mayor's banquet on the evening of 21 June.

CD?

Charles Powell

10 March 1989

PRIME MINISTER

VISIT BY THE AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER

There is a point to be resolved in connection with Mr Hawke's visit in June.

Mr Hawke's office have asked whether he will be able to address both Houses of Parliament. Unfortunately, the custom is that such invitations are limited to carefully selected Heads of State. In a way this is illogical, because it rules out some of our closest allies such as Australia and Canada, from ever having this privilege. But the rule has only ever been broken once and that was for Herr Brandt in March 1970. This was intended as an exceptional gesture of post-war reconciliation. No exception was made for Sir Robert Menzies even though he was Prime Minister of Australia and a close friend for thirty years.

The Foreign Secretary's recommendation is that we should not make an exception for Mr Hawke, otherwise the position will become impossible to hold within the Commonwealth. This must be right. We are doing everything we can to honour him in other ways during his visit.

Agree no speech to Parliament?

C.P.

Charles Powell
10 March 1989

Mac - yes.
Would be the able
to do one # in Gauddacht
on is that for heads
of state as well
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Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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10 March 1989

Dear Charles

Visit by Prime Minister of Australia

In your letter of 16 September 1988 you said that the Prime Minister had agreed the outline programme for Mr Hawke's visit. I enclose a copy of the draft programme as it now stands.

We now need to confirm timings for one or two events so that detailed planning can proceed, and also seek the Prime Minister's views on parliamentary contact. As you said in your letter the Prime Minister's participation will centre on the talks and lunch on 21 June and dinner on 22 June. We suggest the following timings for 21 June:

1015-1030	Guard of Honour, FCO Courtyard
1045-1130	Prime Minister/Mr Hawke
1130-1245	Full Ministerial talks
1300-1430 approx	Working lunch

Would the Prime Minister wish to attend the Lord Mayor's dinner the same evening (19.00)? We suggest the dinner at No 10 on 22 June be timed at 1945 for 2015.

If you can agree to these timings, or suggest alternatives for the events above, this will confirm all of the Prime Minister's involvement in Mr Hawke's visit with one exception. The DTI will write separately about the Trade and Investment Conference on 22 June which we suggest the Prime Minister attend briefly in the late afternoon.

Parliamentary Involvement

The Prime Minister will wish to be aware that Mr Hawke's office have enquired about the possibility of his addressing the members of both Houses of Parliament. In reporting this Sir John Coles has drawn attention to the fact that the customary limitation of such invitations to certain carefully selected Heads of State has the effect of denying the privilege to countries whose parliamentary practice is nearest to our own. He has also argued that

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it would not be inappropriate to extend the practice to a country so close to us as Australia, and that the inclusion of such an occasion would add weight to Mr Hawke's programme.

In recent years, the only exception to the "Head of State only" rule has been Herr Willy Brandt, who addressed both Houses as Federal German Chancellor in March 1970. The privilege was extended to him as an exceptional gesture of post-war conciliation and in recognition of his personal contribution. The only others to have made such addresses have been Presidents Saragat (of Italy), Reagan, Mitterrand, King Juan Carlos and President von Weizaecker. No exception was made for Sir Robert Menzies, who as you know was Prime Minister of Australia for almost 30 years, and was an extremely close friend of Britain. The Foreign Secretary believes that if the practice were to be changed, it would be very difficult to hold the line within the Commonwealth; other Commonwealth heads of government could well come to expect to be honoured in the same way. Other close allies with non-executive Heads of State could ask for equal treatment for their heads of government.

The Foreign Secretary therefore takes the view that we should not make an exception for Mr Hawke in this way. We should however do everything we can to arrange a suitable parliamentary occasion for Mr Hawke. The ANZAC Group have already offered a meeting with him, possibly in the Grand Committee Room, as well as lunch. This would provide him with a parliamentary platform if he wished to give a speech.

Yours ever

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Private Secretary

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VISIT TO BRITAIN BY PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA (DRAFT PROGRAMME)

Tuesday 20 June

AM Arrive London Heathrow (Ceremonial Carpet Guard)
Minister to greet

Travel direct to Windsor

LUNCH with HM Queen at Windsor

PM Visit Oxford (Speech)

EVENING Theatre - Phantom of the Opera

Wednesday 21 June

AM Guard of Honour (FCO Courtyard)

Talks with Mrs Thatcher followed by meeting of
full ministerial teams

WORKING LUNCH At No 10

PM Press Conference (Australian Press)

EVENING Lord Mayor's dinner (Mansion House)

Thursday 22 June

AM Keynote address to Trade and Investment Conference
 ? Call on Leader of the Opposition
 Address to ANZAC Parliamentary Group

LUNCH At Palace of Westminster (Hosted by ANZAC Group)

PM PM'S questions
 Return to Trade and Investment Conference
 Possible press conference (International Press)

1730 Attend reception hosted by Senator Button at QE2
 Conference Centre

EVENING No 10 dinner

Friday 23 June

AM Early am golf with Lord Young
 Possible visit to British Aerospace (Hatfield)
 Lords for lunch and Test Match

EVENING Australian reception

Saturday 24 June

EARLY AM Depart London

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Australia

Visit of Aust. PM to UK Pt2

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