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*From the Private Secretary*

11 May, 1989.

**VISIT BY THE PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA**

Thank you for your letter of 10 May about the visit of Mr. Hawke and the question of participation in the talks.

I see no difficulty in principle about the restricted meeting with Mr. Hawke, although I do not exclude that the Prime Minister and Mr. Hawke might want to meet without anyone present, at least for part of the time.

I think, however, that the Prime Minister would be disturbed by the scale of participation proposed for the full Ministerial talks. Her preference is for participation to be restricted to Ministers, High Commissioners and notetakers: if that causes insuperable difficulties for the Australians, we at least should set a good example. In any event, she would wish that more limited participation to apply to the working lunch, with a separate lunch for senior officials.

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