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From the Private Secretary

17 May 1989

MR. HAWKE'S VISIT: INVESTMENT CONFERENCE

Thank you for your letter of 16 May setting out the proposed arrangements for the Prime Minister's participation in the Conference on Trade and Investment into the 1990s on 22 June. I think the Prime Minister would be well content with what is proposed, and you may plan on that basis. I should be grateful if you could also let me have in good time a draft of the remarks which you think the Prime Minister should make in bringing the Conference to a close.

I am copying this letter to Bob Peirce (Foreign and Commonwealth Office).

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AUSTRALIA - UNITED KINGDOM AND INVESTMENT CONFERENCE ON 22 JUNE 1989

Bob Peirce of the FCO wrote to you on 10 March about the arrangements for the visit of the Australian Prime Minister, Mr Hawke, to the UK in the week beginning 19 June. He said the FCO suggested that the Prime Minister should attend the closing session of the Trade and Investment Conference in the late afternoon of 22 June, and that the DTI would be writing to you separately about the Conference.

I attach a copy of the outline programme for the Conference which my Secretary of State has approved subject to confirmation that it will be convenient for the Prime Minister to attend, with Mr Hawke, the closing session at 4:30 pm. I believe this is already pencilled in the Prime Minister's diary. As you will see, Mr Hawke also intends to be present at the start of the Conference at 9 am and he will be delivering a key-note speech at 9:30 am.

Subject to the Prime Minister's views, Lord Young suggests that the order of events during the closing session might be as follows: Senator Button, who will not otherwise have an opportunity to speak at the Conference, should present the overall findings of the Conference. He would be followed by Mr Hawke who, in a 2-3 minute statement, would endorse these findings and make his closing remarks. Mrs Thatcher would then speak for up to 5 minutes expressing her gladness that the Conference originally proposed by her to coincide with Mr Hawke's return visit to the UK had taken place and had been a success. She could also confirm that the UK Government





warmly welcomes investment in the UK by Australian companies, and that we want to see further increases in the flow of trade and investment between the two countries. Lord Young, as host and co-chairman, would then bring the Conference to a close. This order of events would enable the Prime Minister to leave the Conference soon after 4:50 pm: I understand she has an engagement at 5 pm.

I should be grateful if you would let me know as soon as possible whether these proposed arrangements are acceptable to the Prime Minister.

I am copying this letter to Bob Peirce at the FCO.

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AUSTRALIA - UNITED KINGDOM TRADE AND INVESTMENT INTO THE 90s

Outline Conference Programme

8:00 - 8:50 am:	Registration (and coffee)
9:00 am:	Arrival at Conference of Mr R J L (Bob) Hawke, Prime Minister of Australia, with Lord Young and Senator Button, co-chairmen of the Conference.
9:05 am:	Introduction by Peter Hobday, Presenter of the Conference, with scene-setting video.
9:15 am:	Keynote Speech by Lord Young.
9:30 am:	Keynote Speech by Mr Hawke.
9:45 am:	Address by Sir Ralph Robins of Rolls-Royce Plc.
10:10 am:	Address by Mr Alan Jackson of BTR Nylex.
10:30 - 11:00 am	Morning Coffee/Tea
11:00 am:	Address by Mr Richard Branson of Virgin Group Ltd.
11:20 am:	Address by Mr Simon Crean, President of Australian Council of Trade Unions.
11:40 - 12 noon:	Speakers answer questions from delegates, chaired by Presenter.
12 noon - 12:30 pm:	Presentation by Coopers & Lybrand Team on their UK-Australia Trade and Investment Study.
12:30 pm:	Pre-lunch drinks.
1:00 - 2:30 pm:	Lunch hosted by Lord Young.
	Address by Senator Gareth Evans, Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade.
2:30 - 4:00 pm:	Discussion Group Sessions
	- Commodities - Manufactured Goods - Services, including financial services.
4:00 - 4:30 pm:	Afternoon Tea
4:30 - 5:00 pm:	Final Plenary Session in presence of Prime Ministers of United Kingdom and Australia.
5:00 - 7:00 pm:	Reception hosted by Senator Button.

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