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THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

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My dear Prime Minister,

Now that the Australian Prime Minister and Mrs Hawke, and the Senior Ministers accompanying them, have left England after their four-day visit to London, I am able to drop you these lines of appreciation to thank you for making the visit possible, and also for the sincere and friendly welcome and the most generous hospitality that was extended to them and their Party by you and Denis, by your Ministerial colleagues and by the British people.

Mr Hawke is most fulsome in his praise of everything that was done to make the visit the success that it obviously was and, as he said to me, it was the best organised visit to any country that he has ever had.

From the Tuesday, the day of his arrival, until the Saturday, the day of his departure, he was busily engaged in cementing the firm relations that already exist between our two countries.

He is particularly grateful to you and, in conveying his thanks and appreciation, might I add my own gratitude for the many courtesies you have always extended to me. For my part, and also Lorna's, Mr Hawke's trip gave us the opportunity to renew the friendship we struck up with you and Denis during your own highly successful visit to Australia last year.

The four days of the past week were like the days we shared with you in Australia; hectic and tiring to the point of near exhaustion but, at the same time, most satisfying, stimulating, enjoyable and unforgettable.

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The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher

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Thank you for going to so much trouble to ensure the success of the visit. Thank you for what you have done to strengthen the close links between Australia and the United Kingdom.

Warmest personal regards,

Yours sincerely

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