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1. PLEASE CONVEY TO MR HAWKE THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM
THE PRIME MINISTER FOR HIS 60TH BIRTHDAY ON 9 DECEMBER.
BEGINS
CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES ON YOUR 60TH BIRTHDAY.
THE FIRST 60 YEARS ARE THE WORST. I LOOK FORWARD TO ANOTHER
GOOD YEAR IN ANGLO/AUSTRALIAN RELATIONS IN 1990.
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From the Private Secretary

30 November 1989

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS FOR THE PRIME MINISTER
OF AUSTRALIA

Thank you for your letter of 29 November
covering a short message of congratulations
from the Prime Minister to Mr. Hawke on his
60th birthday. This may be despatched.

C. D. POWELL

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29 November 1989

*Agree to send
John's message (attached)? Or
John's prefer something less jocular?
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Birthday Greetings for the Prime Minister of Australia

Bob Hawke will be 60 on 9 December this year. He will be celebrating his birthday privately. Sir John Coles has advised that a short message of congratulations and good wishes from the Prime Minister would please Mr Hawke and serve to reaffirm our wish to sustain the new, closer, more modern bilateral relationship as we start another year.

If the Prime Minister wishes to send a message, it might be along the lines of the enclosed text.

Yours ever
R N Peirce

(R N Peirce)
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