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R. Minister

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Dear Charles,

ANZAC DAY CELEBRATIONS

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In your letter of 22nd November to Richard Gozney, which you copied to Brian Hawtin, you said that you had spoken to CNS about the possibility of arranging for one of HM Ships to lie offshore at the time of the Prime Minister's visit to Gallipoli on 25th April next year, to be used for meetings and/or a lunch.

The Royal Navy will be represented at the Gallipoli commemorations by two frigates, HMS BROADSWORD and HMS ARGONAUT. I understand that the FCO will be providing advice on when and where it would be most appropriate for the Prime Minister to hold any meetings when she visits Turkey, But I can confirm that one of these ships could certainly be made available for the Prime Minister's use at Gallipoli, if required.

You may be interested to know of the other plans for military representation at the commemorations. Apart from the frigates, Rear Admiral Abbot (FOF2) will be present, and both CGS and CNS also hope to attend. Each frigate will provide a guard of honour (about 25 strong) from the ship's company, and one ship will also supply a colour guard party for the white ensign. In addition, an Army band will be present at the ceremonies. We are also looking at the possibility of my Secretary of State attending.

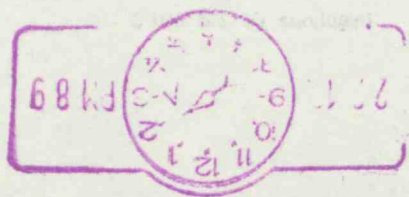
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