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From the Private Secretary

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO TURKEY

I have seen a copy of Canberra telegram no. 351 about the request from the new Leader of the Australian Liberal Party for a very brief meeting with the Prime Minister in Gallipoli. The Prime Minister would be ready to do this very briefly if it can be fitted into the programme. But it may have to be a decision taken at the last moment.

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PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO TURKEY

1. THE NEW LEADER OF THE AUSTRALIAN LIBERAL PARTY, JOHN HEWSON, WILL BE ATTENDING THE EVENTS IN GALLIPOLI. HIS OFFICE HAVE ASKED WHETHER HE COULD HAVE A BRIEF MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, PERHAPS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING HER MEETING WITH MR HAWKE.
2. I SAID THAT I WOULD PASS THE REQUEST ON. I WAS SURE THAT IT WOULD BE SYMPATHETICALLY RECEIVED BUT THE PRIME MINISTER'S PROGRAMME WAS ALREADY VERY TIGHT.
3. IF TIME CAN BE FOUND FOR A MEETING, I THINK IT WOULD BE VALUABLE. IF HEWSON IS A SUCCESS IN HIS LEADERSHIP OF THE OPPOSITION HE MAY BE WITH US FOR MANY YEARS TO COME. HE IS PERSONABLE AND A STRONG BELIEVER IN FREE ENTERPRISE, DEREGULATION AND MICRO-ECONOMIC REFORM.

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