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From the Private Secretary

13 October 1980

Thank you for your letter of
10 October and for the enclosed
signed text of your Prime Minister's
message of 25 September.

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10 October 1980

Dear Michael,

Australian General Election: Message From Prime Minister

The Australian General Election takes place on 18 October. The Prime Minister may wish to consider the following two draft messages:-

- (a) to the leader of the winning party (or coalition)
"My colleagues and I send you our congratulations on your success in your General Election. We look forward to working closely with you on the many international questions in which we have a common interest and to sustaining the robust and friendly links which have always existed between our two Governments and countries."
- (b) to Mr Fraser if he loses
"I would like to extend my personal sympathy to you after the result of your General Election. I have enjoyed working with you, and am very grateful to you for the close and helpful relationship that we have been able to develop."

If the Prime Minister approves these drafts I will arrange for them to be telegraphed in advance to the High Commissioner and delivered as appropriate. There will thus be no need for Mrs Thatcher to sign an original copy.

yours ever
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