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PRIME MINISTER
CANBERRA

The Right Honourable Margaret Thatcher, M.P.,
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
LONDON. W.1

26 OCT 1983

My dear Prime Minister

The bearer of this letter is Mr Alfred Roy Parsons, whom the Australian Government has appointed as its High Commissioner in the United Kingdom in succession to the Honourable Sir Victor Garland, KBE.

Mr Parsons is a senior career officer of the Department of Foreign Affairs having served in Canberra, Jakarta (twice), Rangoon, Berlin and UN New York. His most recent overseas appointments were as High Commissioner in Singapore and in Kuala Lumpur. Since 1978 Mr Parsons has been a Deputy Secretary in the Department of Foreign Affairs.

I am confident that Mr Parsons' personal qualities, as well as his experience, will aid him in the most important task of maintaining and developing the close and friendly ties which exist between our two countries.

In commending Mr Parsons to you, I would ask you to give entire credence to all that he may communicate to you in the name of the Australian Government. I am sure that you and the Government which you lead will afford him all possible help and co-operation in the fulfilment of his high mission.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R.J.L. Hawke'.

R.J.L. Hawke