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11 May, 1984

Dear John,

Call by the Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs 14 May

Mr Hayden is calling on the Prime Minister at 4 pm on 14 May.

He is visiting the UK from 12-15 May prior to attending the OECD meeting in Paris after which he is to visit Budapest, Moscow, and Soviet Asia (Bukhara, Samarkand, and Tashkent). He will have had talks with Mr Luce and Mr Raison before calling on the Prime Minister and is to see the Foreign Secretary in Paris in the margins of the OECD meeting.

This will be Mr Hayden's first official visit to Britain since the Australian Labour Party took office in March 1983. He visited Britain in January 1981 as leader of the Opposition and paid a courtesy call on the Prime Minister. The visit offers an opportunity of the sort we have been seeking to underline the importance we attach to Australia. The Prime Minister might wish to raise the London Economic Summit with Mr Hayden with the object of easing Australian disappointment at their exclusion. We have included a reference to a possible visit by a senior official to Canberra after the Summit in the briefing. This passage has been placed in square brackets as the Prime Minister will wish to consider whether to make the proposal to Mr Hayden at this stage.

Mr Hayden is still somewhat bitter about the way he was forced out of the party leadership last year and would not pass over an opportunity to regain it. He has been a forceful and innovative Foreign Minister. He has travelled a lot and made a number of controversial public statements. Despite occasional public remarks which might indicate otherwise, Mr Hayden is basically well disposed to the UK. Nevertheless he sees Australia essentially in terms of being a regional power and has actively pursued a policy of involving Australia in the affairs of Asia, the Pacific and the Far East, taking special interest in the Cambodian question.

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/ I attach a steering brief and supporting briefs, covering the London Economic Summit and Hong Kong which are the main topics which we suggest that the Prime Minister discusses with Mr Hayden. I am also enclosing a personality note on Mr Hayden, and briefs on East/West relations and SE Asian affairs in case these topics come up.
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Mr Hayden will be accompanied by his Private Secretary, Mr Michael Costello, and the Australian High Commissioner, Mr Alf Parsons. As agreed, Sir William Harding will attend from our side.

Yours,

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AUSTRALIA

Thank you for your letter of 27 April.
The Prime Minister could see Mr. Hayden at
1600 hours (for 30 minutes) on 14 May.

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Prime Minister (13)

27 April 1984

You could see Mr Hayden for
30 minutes at 1600 on 14 May.

Agree?

John [unclear]

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In your letter of 17 April you said that the Prime Minister would like us to consider whether we should give more attention to our relationship with Australia. A good opportunity to do so has now arisen.

The Hon William (Bill) Hayden, the Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs, will be in London between 12 - 15 May, before attending the OECD meeting in Paris. In Sir Geoffrey Howe's absence, Mr Hayden will have talks with Mr Luce on Monday 14 May, and possibly with Mr Raison too: we are still arranging the details. It would be greatly appreciated by Mr Hayden if the Prime Minister could also agree to a brief meeting. This would underline the importance we attach to our relations with Australia and would perhaps help to mollify Australian disappointment at not being invited to the Economic Summit. If the Prime Minister agrees, would you kindly let me know whether there is any time on the 14th which would be convenient?

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