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10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

26 February 1985

I enclose a copy of a letter to the Prime Minister from the Prime Minister of Australia seeking the return of either the master copy or the duplicate of the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act in connection with Australia's bicentenary in 1988.

BEI I should be grateful for early advice and a draft reply. If it is likely to be a matter which requires extensive consultation, it would be helpful to have a draft acknowledgement explaining the background.

I am sending copies of this letter and enclosure to the Private Secretaries to the Lord President of the Council, the Lord Chancellor and the Lord Privy Seal.

(Charles Powell)

Peter Ricketts, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

Prime Minister

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21 February 1985

**PRIME MINISTER'S
PERSONAL MESSAGE
SERIAL No. T 35/85**

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Dear Prime Minister,

I have been asked to pass the following message to you from the Prime Minister of Australia:

Begins:

"Thank you for your kind message of congratulations and best wishes on the re-election of my Government.

I look forward to continuing the particularly warm and close relationship between our two countries.

R.J.L. Hawke"

Ends

*Yours sincerely
A.R. Parsons*

(A.R. Parsons)

The Rt. Hon. Margaret Thatcher, M.P.
Prime Minister
10 Downing Street
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