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PRIME MINISTER

YOUNG ENDEAVOUR

You have already been most generous in the support you have given to this ship, which is our gift to the Australians to mark the bicentennial. You will recall that Mr. Weller - whom you received at No.10 - is having to make good the financial short-fall in the enterprise from his own pocket. To help recoup some of the costs, he is having special prints made of the Young Endeavour which he will sell to sailing clubs, sponsorship companies and the like. Ten of these will be specially framed and sold for a substantial amount. He has asked whether you and Mr. Hawke would agree to sign the ten.

I have checked with Robin Catford who sees no objection. I think it would be a nice gesture. Agree to sign?

C. D. Powell

10 November 1987



10 DOWNING STREET

~~Downing Street~~

Any objection  
to this? It  
seems fine to  
me.

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Charles Powell

No objection if PM is  
willing.

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FROM HIGH COMMISSIONER, CANBERRA  
PERSONAL FOR CHARLES POWELL ESQ, NO 10 DOWNING STREET

1. I AM CONSCIOUS THAT WE HAVE ALREADY ASKED, AND RECEIVED IN GENEROUS MEASURE, THE PRIME MINISTER'S HELP WITH YOUNG ENDEAVOUR. HER MOST RECENT MESSAGE, WHICH WAS READ OUT AT THE CEREMONY ON BOARD WHEN YE ARRIVED IN FREMANTLE ON 1 ST NOVEMBER, WENT DOWN VERY WELL WITH ALL CONCERNED. I MIGHT ADD THAT THE WHOLE EVENT GOT GOOD TELEVISION COVERAGE HERE AND HAS SERVED US WELL IN FLAG-FLYING TERMS.

2. AT THE RISK OF IMPOSING ON THE PM'S GOODWILL COULD I ASK HER TO CONSIDER DOING US, AND MORE PARTICULARLY, ARTHUR WELLER, ONE MORE FAVOUR? WELLER IS RESIGNED TO MAKING GOOD THE FINANCIAL SHORTFALL INVOLVED IN THE WHOLE ENTERPRISE FROM HIS OWN POCKET - HE IS NOTHING IF NOT A PATRIOT- BUT IS STILL SEEKING WAYS AND MEANS OF REDUCING IT AS FAR AS HE CAN. TO THIS END HE HAS COMMISSIONED A PAINTING OF YOUNG ENDEAVOUR BY A BRITISH ARTIST CALLED IAN HOUSTON (WHO IS GIVING HIS SERVICES FREE) AND INTENDS TO OFFER 200 OR SO GOOD QUALITY PRINTS OF THE PAINTING FOR SALE HERE IN AUSTRALIA TO SAILING CLUBS, SPONSORING COMPANIES AND THE LIKE FOR ABOUT \$200 EACH. HE WOULD LIKE, IN ADDITION, TO HAVE 10 SPECIALLY MOUNTED PRINTS PREPARED, WHICH WOULD BE SIGNED (ON THE MOUNTING) BY BOTH PRIME MINISTERS AND SOLD FOR THE EQUIVALENT OF \$4000 OR THEREABOUTS. (I PERSONALLY THINK THIS IS ASKING A BIT MUCH AND MAY TRY TO PERSUADE HIM TO LOWER HIS SIGHTS.) THE QUESTION IS WOULD MRS THATCHER BE WILLING TO AUTOGRAPH THE 10? I HAVE NOT YET APPROACHED BOB HAWKE BECAUSE I WANTED TO GET HER RESPONSE FIRST.

3. AS YOU MAY KNOW, I AM HANDING YE OVER TO MR HAWKE IN SYDNEY ON 25 JANUARY NEXT AND THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES WILL BE PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY. SO WE ARE MAINTAINING A HIGH PROFILE.

4. COULD YOU LET ME HAVE A REACTION SOON, PLEASE, BY PERSONAL TELELETTER? I HAVE NOT THOUGHT IT NECESSARY TO CONSULT

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SIGNED SIR JOHN LEAHY

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