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*Dear Charles*Visit to Britain by the Prime Minister of Australia

You have already agreed to the ^{top} timing of the bilateral discussions between the Prime Minister and Mr Hawke and of the full Ministerial talks. We now need to confirm participation in the talks and the working lunch.

We and the Australians have been working on the basis that the Ministerial terms for the full session of talks (immediately after the Prime Minister's restricted meeting with Mr Hawke) will be as follows:

UK

Prime Minister
Foreign Secretary

Defence Secretary
Trade and Industry
Secretary

Australia

Prime Minister
Minister of Foreign Affairs and
Trade (Senator Evans)
Defence Minister (Mr Beazley)
Minister for Industry, Technology
and Commerce (Senator Button)

Can we assume that in addition to yourself and Mr Hawke's Private Secretary, Sir John Coles and the Australian High Commissioner (Mr McClelland) will be expected to attend both the bilateral discussions between Prime Ministers, and the full ministerial talks?

Mr Hawke will be accompanied to Britain by his Cabinet Secretary, Principal Private Secretary, Senior Political Adviser and a political adviser on foreign affairs. Each Australian Minister will be accompanied by the Secretary (Permanent Secretary equivalent) of his Department. The Australians would like their team for the Ministerial talks at Number 10 to number 13. They have said that they regard this as their minimum. The two sides that are proposed for the full talks are:

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UK

1. Prime Minister
2. Foreign Secretary
3. Mr Younger
4. Lord Young
5. Senior FCO official
6. Senior MOD official
7. Senior DTI official
8. British High
Commissioner
9. Sir Robin Butler
10. Sir Percy Cradock
11. Mr Powell
- 12.
- 13.

UK total = 11

Australia

- Prime Minister
 Senator Evans
 Mr Beazley
 Senator Button
 Mr Woolcott (Secretary DFAT)
 Senior Defence official
 Dr Charles (Secretary DITAC)
 Australian High Commissioner
- Mr Codd (Cabinet Secretary)
 Mr Walsh (Political Adviser to Mr Hawke)
 Mr Hollway (PS/Mr Hawke)
 Mr Bowan (Adviser on International
 Relations to Mr Hawke)
 Mr Evans (Deputy High Commissioner
 and notetaker)

Australian total = 13

This is a much larger meeting than we normally have for visiting Prime Ministers, but the nature of Mr Hawke's visit and the strength of the team he is bringing with him are quite exceptional.

If the Prime Minister agrees to the presence of senior officials at the talks, she might also wish them to attend the working lunch. If, however, she would prefer the lunch to be more restricted in numbers, we could arrange a separate lunch for senior officials.

Yours ever

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