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Scotland.

No.10 Duty Officer

cc: PS
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MESSAGE OF SUPPORT FROM MR MALCOLM FRASER (Tuesdays)

/ 1. I attach a self-explanatory telegram from the Acting High Commissioner in Canberra. He recommends that a response by the Prime Minister to Mr Fraser's message be sent in time for Mr Fraser to relay the message to the Liberal Party's Federal Council at their dinner which begins at 11.00 hrs our time today.

2. If the Prime Minister is agreeable to a message being sent, it would be helpful to have the text by 0930 to ensure its arrival on time.

M. W. Growcott

15 May 1982

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Emergency Unit

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TO FLASH FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 233 OF 15 MAY

FOLLOWING FOR EMERGENCY UNIT

MY TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH MICHAEL GROWCOTT

1. I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO MRS THATCHER FROM MR FRASER

QUOTE THE LIBERAL PARTY'S FEDERAL COUNCIL, MEETING IN CANBERRA THIS WEEKEND, ASKED ME TO EXTEND A WARM MESSAGE OF SUPPORT AND RESPECT.

THE COUNCIL, ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM ALL PARTS OF AUSTRALIA, EXPRESSED ITS ADMIRATION OF YOUR COURAGE IN THE FACE OF CURRENT CHALLENGES TO INTERNATIONAL ORDER.

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FACE OF CURRENT CHALLENGES TO INTERNATIONAL ORDER.

THE LIBERAL PARTY OF AUSTRALIA RESPECTS AND SALUTES YOU.

KIND REGARDS

MALCOLM FRASER UNQUOTE.

2. MR FRASER IS HAPPY FOR THIS MESSAGE TO BE MADE PUBLIC. IN HIS KEYNOTE ADDRESS TO THE COUNCIL TWO HOURS AGO (WITH THE MEDIA PRESENT) HE SAID, TO VERY WARM SPONTANEOUS APPLAUSE, THAT HE WAS SURE THE COUNCIL WOULD WISH TO CONVEY TO MRS THATCHER QUOTE A MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES AND COURAGE UNQUOTE.
3. MR FRASER LEAVES FOR THE AIRPORT TO FLY TO THE UNITED STATES IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FEDERAL COUNCIL DINNER WHICH BEGINS AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK YOUR TIME THIS MORNING SATURDAY 15 MAY.
4. THE DINNER, (ADDRESSED BY MR WHITELAW AS GUEST OF HONOUR TWO YEARS AGO) REPRESENTS A SPLENDID OPPORTUNITY FOR MRS THATCHER TO MAKE KNOWN TO A CENTRALLY IMPORTANT AUSTRALIAN AUDIENCE HOW MUCH IN RECENT WEEKS SHE HAS VALUED, AND BEEN SUSTAINED BY, THE SUPPORT OF THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT AND HOW HEARTENED SHE IS BY THIS MOST THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE FROM THE LIBERAL PARTY FEDERAL COUNCIL. A REPLY TO THE MESSAGE, SO SWIFTLY CONVEYED, AND READ OUT TO THE DINNER WOULD HAVE A SPECIAL IMPACT AND WOULD MUCH GRATIFY MR FRASER HIMSELF AFTER THE PERSONAL ATTENTION HE HAS DEVOTED TO ENSURING FULL-HEARTED AUSTRALIAN SUPPORT FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S HANDLING OF THE FALKLANDS ISSUE.
5. YOU WILL NOTE THAT HIS MESSAGE DOES NOT MENTION THE FALKLANDS SPECIFICALLY. NOR PERHAPS SHOULD MRS THATCHER'S REPLY. THE MEANING OF QUOTE CURRENT CHALLENGES TO INTERNATIONAL ORDER UNQUOTE REQUIRES NO ELABORATION AND INDEED SUGGESTS HELPFULLY THE WIDER ISSUES AT STAKE.
6. I RECOMMEND A FLASH TELEX TO MR MALCOLM FRASER AT AUSTRALIAN TELEX NUMBER 62374 (THE HOTEL WHERE THE COUNCIL DINNER IS TAKING PLACE) WITH, AS DOUBLE INSURANCE, A FLASH UNCLASSIFIED TELEGRAM TO THE HIGH COMMISSION FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY.
7. I TAKE IT THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD BE CONTENT FOR ANY REPLY TO BE MADE PUBLIC.