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TO IMMEDIATE CANBERRA
TELEGRAM NUMBER 351 OF 18 OCTOBER
INFO DELHI
CHOGM AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER

1. YOU SHOULD ARRANGE FOR EARLY DELIVERY OF FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER TO MR HAWKE.
2. MESSAGE BEGINS

I AM VERY MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING YOU IN DELHI NEXT MONTH.

I KNOW FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT HOW QUICKLY ONE GETS IMMERSSED IN LONG, FORMAL SESSIONS WITH ALL TOO LITTLE OPPORTUNITY FOR PRIVATE INFORMAL DISCUSSION.

I THEREFORE WONDERED WHETHER THERE WOULD BE ANY CHANCE OF OUR MEETING BEFORE THE CONFERENCE STARTS. I DO NOT KNOW WHEN YOU PLAN TO ARRIVE, BUT I WOULD BE VERY GLAD TO OFFER YOU LUNCH AT THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION IN DELHI ON TUESDAY 22 NOVEMBER. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY WOULD BE A TALK BEFORE DINNER THAT DAY (I AM ALREADY COMMITTED TO A DINNER ENGAGEMENT).

IN EITHER CASE I SUGGEST THAT WE KEEP THE NUMBERS DOWN (PERHAPS THREE PER SIDE) SO THAT WE CAN TAKE MAXIMUM ADVANTAGE OF THE TIME FOR TALKING.

I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING WHETHER A MEETING WILL BE POSSIBLE. MEANWHILE, I SEND YOU MY VERY BEST WISHES.
MESSAGE ENDS.

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