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Prime Minister.

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shall we try to arrange
a working lunch with Mr.
Hawke on 23 November?

25 October 1983

A.F.C. 25/10

I do not think
that we should now check
after the agreement.

Dear John,

CHOGM: Possible Bilateral Meeting with Mr Hawke

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The Australian High Commissioner is calling on Lady Young on 27 October to discuss the proposed bilateral meeting between the Prime Minister and Mr Hawke.

Mr Hawke will probably not now be arriving in New Delhi in time to have a meeting, as originally proposed, on 22 November. The High Commissioner may want to talk about alternative dates. The programme for CHOGM is as always crowded and it may be difficult to find a mutually convenient time. I attach an outline programme as we know it. If there is to be a meeting in the early part of CHOGM, it could be fitted in between the Secretary-General's reception for delegates at 12 noon on Wednesday 23 November, and the first executive session of CHOGM at 3 pm. (A working lunch might be possible then.) Alternatively, a meeting might be fitted in between the reception for Heads of Delegation to be given by the Indian President at 5.30 pm on 23 November and The Queen's banquet at 8 pm. If, however, the Prime Minister felt that both of these occasions would be too hurried, we could suggest to the Australians that time be set aside for a leisurely discussion at the weekend retreat at Goa (at which advisers will not be present).

Much better

The Australian High Commissioner is also likely to go over with Lady Young the subjects which Mr Hawke wishes to discuss. I should be grateful for your agreement that she should confirm to the High Commissioner that the Prime Minister would wish to have a wide-ranging discussion at her meeting with Mr Hawke.

Yours ever,

Peter Ricketts

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CHOGM 1983: OUTLINE PROGRAMME AT 25 OCTOBER

Tuesday 22 November

- 0800 Prime Minister arrives in New Delhi.
1500 Meeting of senior officials to discuss agenda.

Wednesday 23 November

- 1030 Formal opening of CHOGM.
1200 Commonwealth Secretary-General's reception.
1500 Executive session.
1730 Indian President's reception for Heads of Delegation.
2000 HM The Queen's banquet.

Thursday 24 November

- 0930 Executive session.
1200 Visit to International Trade Fair, followed by
Indian Vice-President's lunch for Heads of Delegation.
1500 Executive session.
evening Indian Prime Minister's dinner for Heads of Delegation
(separate dinner for Foreign Ministers).

Friday 25 November

- 0930 Executive session.
1200 Heads of Government depart for Goa.
1300 The Secretary of State's lunch for Foreign Ministers.
evening HM The Queen's reception for Foreign Ministers and
other delegates.

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Saturday 26 November

Retreat in Goa.

Sunday 27 November

Retreat in Goa.

evening Heads of Government return to New Delhi.

The Secretary of State departs for Brussels.

Monday 28 November

0930 Executive session.

c.1300 Prime Minister's first lunch for Heads of Delegation.

1500 Executive session.

1700 Prime Minister to present Bhartiya Jnanpith award for literature.

evening Dinner given by Mr Yunus, Chairman, Trade Fair Authority of India.

Tuesday 29 November

0930 Executive session.

c.1300 Prime Minister's second lunch for Heads of Delegation.

1500 Executive session.

1700 Press conference: Mrs Gandhi and the Secretary-General.

evening Prime Minister departs.

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From the Private Secretary

5 October 1983

CHOGM: AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER

Both Mr. Malcolm Fraser and Sir Roderick Carnegie, the Chairman of Consolidated Rio Tinto of Australia (the latter called on the Prime Minister this morning), have advised Mrs Thatcher that Mr. Hawke would be likely to respond well to some special attention at the outset of the Commonwealth Conference. They argue that he is pragmatic by nature and will be disposed to be helpful on a number of issues, particularly if the Prime Minister singles him out for special treatment.

The Prime Minister thinks that this is a valuable suggestion and would be grateful for advice on how to follow it up.

One possibility would be for Mrs Thatcher to offer Mr. Hawke a small lunch on 22 November (on present plans the Prime Minister would have reached Delhi at about 0800 hours local time that day). This could take the form of the two principals, plus two or three members of the respective delegations. We might also consider another suggestion made by Sir Roderick Carnegie, namely that the Prime Minister should depute someone to visit Australia on her behalf in advance of the Conference to exchange views with a representative of Mr. Hawke on the main issues to be discussed.

BH

The Prime Minister would like to send a personal message soon to Mr. Hawke proposing contacts on the above lines if the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary judges that they are advisable. Could you please let me have Sir Geoffrey Howe's advice as soon as possible.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

A. J. COLES

John Holmes, Esq.,
Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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PRIME MINISTER

CHOGM

We are beginning to make the arrangements.

I shall let you have advice soon about giving some special attention to Mr. Hawke.

As regards accommodation, you said that your preference was to stay with the High Commissioner. But before we finally decide, I think you should have some advice on whether the Indians or perhaps other Heads of Government will look askance at you staying separately from all the others who will be accommodated in one hotel. I shall let you have this shortly.

We are at present planning for you to leave here at 1400 hours on Monday 21 November which will get you to Delhi after a 12½ hour flight at 0800 hours local time on 22 November. This would give the morning for settling in. One possibility would then be for you to give Mr. Hawke a small lunch that day.

Not if there is a dinner in the evening

In the evening of 22 November, the High Commissioner is giving a dinner for The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh. There would be no more than about 30 guests, at least half of whom would be distinguished Indians. The Palace have said that The Queen would be delighted if you and Mr. Thatcher would like to attend but she would also understand if you were not free to do so on the evening before CHOGM opens.

ms *Yes* Would you like to attend this dinner? If so, agree that the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary and Robin should also be invited?

5 October 1983

A. J. C.



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MR COLES

CHOGM: Australian Prime Minister

I have seen a copy of your letter of 5 October to the Private Secretary to the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary (Mr Holmes).

2. It is perhaps worth mentioning that I have a standing invitation from my Australian counterpart to visit Australia. As the Prime Minister may remember, I had planned to go in February this year; but the Prime Minister asked me to postpone the visit in view of some of the domestic problems which at that time it seemed we might be facing. More recently, I have been thinking in terms of going on from New Delhi to Australia after CHOGM; indeed, I have agreed a plan on these lines in principle with my Australian counterpart.

3. On seeing your letter, it occurred to me that one way of dealing with the second point in paragraph three of your letter might be for me to bring my visit forward, and visit Australia before CHOGM: I could then include in my discussions in Canberra an exchange of views on the issues for CHOGM as well as the other matters which I have been intending to discuss.

4. On this basis, I might perhaps go to Australia on about 14 or 15 November, and aim to travel to New Delhi with (or about the same time as) Mr Hawke's delegation.

5. I am sending a copy of this minute to Mr Holmes.

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ROBERT ARMSTRONG

7 October 1983

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10 October 1983

Dear John,

CHOGM: Australian Prime Minister

The Foreign Secretary sees merit in Sir Roderick Carnegie's suggestion, outlined in your letter of 5 October, that the Prime Minister should single out Mr Hawke for special treatment at the Commonwealth Conference. A small lunch, between the two principals and two or three members of the respective delegations, would seem the most appropriate method. We understand that Mr Hawke will be accompanied by his wife and that lunch on 22 November is the only lunch or dinner slot in the Prime Minister's programme for Delhi which is not already booked.

Sir Roderick Carnegie's suggestion was echoed by Mr Anthony, Leader of the National Party (in coalition with the Liberal Party in Mr Fraser's Government) when Mr Whitney called on him on 6 October. Our High Commissioner in Canberra, Sir John Mason, also supports the suggestion and agrees that Mr Hawke is likely to respond well to special attention. However, he thinks, and the Foreign Secretary agrees, that the despatch of a special representative to Canberra might be viewed by the Australians with some surprise, if not suspicion, given that Mr Whitney is there now and will be followed by Mrs Chalker and Mr Pattie later this month. Sir R Armstrong is also proposing to visit Canberra immediately after CHOGM.

The Foreign Secretary therefore thinks that our objective would be best served by limiting the "special attention" to the lunch and a personal message from the Prime Minister. This could be on the following lines:

"I am much looking forward to seeing you in New Delhi in November. I am sure that you will share my keen wish to keep discussion as brisk and business-like as possible. I know from experience, however, how quickly at CHOGMs one gets immersed in long frequent meetings, with all too little opportunity for quiet and private discussion. To ensure that we at least have some private and uninterrupted talks, I wonder if you and one or two of your senior advisers would care to lunch with me before CHOGM gets fully underway, so that we can go over the ground. I have in mind Tuesday 22 November.

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Perhaps you could let me know how this idea strikes you."

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Yours ever

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From the Private Secretary

10 October, 1983.

CHOGM: Australian Prime Minister

Thank you for your letter of 10 October.

BK | I should be grateful if you would seek Sir Robert Wade-Gery's advice on whether it would be practicable for the Prime Minister to give a small lunch for Mr. Hawke on 22 November. The Prime Minister is not very keen to give the lunch in a hotel, but she is conscious that on the evening of 22 November the Wade-Gerys are giving a dinner for The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh - she would not wish to press them to organise a lunch as well, if, as she suspects, that would impede the arrangements for the dinner. An alternative to a lunch might be a longish talk with Mr. Hawke over a drink in the early evening of 22 November. Before the Prime Minister takes a final decision on this, it would be helpful to have advice from New Delhi.

On the assumption that it does prove possible to arrange a meeting early in the conference between the Prime Minister and Mr. Hawke, Mrs. Thatcher does not think it necessary to take up Sir Robert Armstrong's kind offer that he should visit Australia in advance of the meeting (his minute of 7 October).

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13 October, 1983

Dear John,

As requested in your letter of 10 October, we consulted Sir Robert Wade-Gery about whether it would be practicable for the Prime Minister to give a small lunch for Mr Hawke on 22 November.

Sir Robert has said that he would be happy to arrange the Prime Minister's lunch for Mr Hawke at the Residence on 22 November, despite the dinner for The Queen that evening.

He suggests that numbers be kept to about twelve in all, and at the most sixteen. He himself is due to attend and would propose to stick to this unless the Prime Minister would prefer him to attend her lunch. Lady Wade-Gery, who knows Australia well, could attend the lunch if the Prime Minister wished, but could equally well arrange to be out.

The High Commissioner in Canberra has incidentally reminded us that Mr Hawke is now a strict teetotaler.

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PRIME MINISTER

CHOGM

Robert Wade-Gery has now said that he would be glad to arrange a small lunch for you and Mr. Hawke at the Residence on 22 November.

Lady Wade-Gery could attend but, if we are to have a working lunch, it would be kinder to her to excuse her.

I attach a message which, if you agree, could be sent to Mr. Hawke putting this idea to him. Agree that this message should be sent?

Yes not

Robert Wade-Gery has also suggested that we might try to arrange a bilateral meeting between yourself and Mrs. Gandhi on the afternoon of 22 November. This would be a good opportunity to find out how she intends to run the Meeting. Would you like us to arrange this?

A.F.C.

*She will have had
a very long time
with the Queen.
She's nice and I do
not think that such
a request would be
welcome
not*

14 October 1983



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From the Private Secretary

17 October 1983

CHOGM

Thank you for your letter of 13 October.

The Prime Minister would like to go ahead with the idea of a small lunch for Mr. Hawke at the Residence in New Delhi on 22 November. I enclose a message from the Prime Minister to Mr. Hawke which deals with this point and should be grateful if you would arrange for its early delivery.

In another letter of 13 October you raised the question of a bilateral meeting between the Prime Minister and Mrs. Gandhi. Mrs. Thatcher is inclined to think that, given the burdens on Mrs. Gandhi's time, and in particular the attention which she will have to devote to The Queen's State Visit, it would be better not to request a bilateral meeting. She presumes that there will in any case be ample opportunity for discussion between herself and Mrs. Gandhi, not least during the weekend retreat.

I am copying this letter to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA

PRIME MINISTER'S

PERSONAL MESSAGE

SERIAL No.

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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 immersed 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.

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CHOGM

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TO IMMEDIATE FCO

TELEGRAM NUMBER 551 OF 25 OCTOBER

MY TELEGRAM NUMBER 543 AND WHITE'S TELELETTER TO CULLIMORE OF 21 OCTOBER: CHOGM: THATCHER/HAWKE MEETING

1. SIR V GARLAND'S REQUEST TO SEE LADY YOUNG ARISES FROM INSTRUCTIONS SENT TO HIM BEFORE THE PRIME MINISTER'S LETTER REACHED HERE AND IS IN PURSUIT OF MR HAWKE'S WISH, REPORTED IN TUR, TO MEET THE PRIME MINISTER SPECIALLY.

2. MR HAWKE WILL NOT GET TO NEW DELHI IN TIME TO SEE THE PRIME MINISTER ON 22 NOVEMBER, AND I HAVE AGREED WITH MR HAWKE'S PRIVATE SECRETARY THAT IT WILL MAKE SENSE IF LADY YOUNG HAS SOME ALTERNATIVE DATES TO SUGGEST TO SIR V GARLAND. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER BY THEN MR HAWKE WILL BE SUFFICIENTLY ORGANISED TO BE ABLE TO SUGGEST SOME ALTERNATIVE DATES HIMSELF. I HOPE YOU AGREE THAT MATTERS CAN BEST BE PURSUED AT YOUR END RATHER THAN MINE PARTICULARLY SINCE MR HAWKE IS LEAVING CANBERRA FOR A FEW DAYS ON 26 OCTOBER.

3. THE AUSTRALIANS HAVE NOT THOUGHT OF ANY AGENDA TOPICS FOR A MEETING. THEY SEE IT RATHER AS A QUOTE GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER UNQUOTE OCCASION THAN ONE FOR MORE FORMAL DISCUSSION, ALTHOUGH THEY ASSUME THAT GENERAL CHOGM MATTERS WILL NATURALLY FIGURE LARGE. I DOUBT IF WE SHALL PIN THEM DOWN MUCH MORE THAN THIS.

4, I LOOK FORWARD TO LEAVING THE OUTCOME OF THE MEETING WITH LADY YOUNG.

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From the Private Secretary

26 October, 1983.

CHOGM: Possible Bilateral Meeting with Mr. Hawke

Thank you for your letter of 25 October.

The Prime Minister would be grateful if you would suggest to the Australians that time be set aside for a full discussion with Mr. Hawke at the weekend retreat at Goa. If Lady Young is able to make this point to the Australian High Commissioner tomorrow, she could, as you suggest, confirm to him that the Prime Minister would like the discussion to range widely over any subjects which she or Mr. Hawke may wish to raise.

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Prime Minister.

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Agree to Mr. Hawke's
suggestion of a breakfast
meeting at 0800 on 23
November (the second full
day of CHOGM)?

31 October 1983

Dear John, A.F.C. $\frac{21}{10}$

Yes *ms*

CHOGM: Possible Bilateral Meetings with Mr Hawke

Thank you for your letter of 26 October.

Lady Young saw the Australian High Commissioner yesterday afternoon and passed on the Prime Minister's suggestion that time be set aside for a full discussion with Mr Hawke at the weekend retreat at Goa.

Sir Victor Garland replied that Mr Hawke was keen to talk to the Prime Minister before the start of the CHOGM sessions on disarmament and economic issues, and had suggested a breakfast meeting at 0800 hours on Wednesday 23 November. Sir Victor added that the Commonwealth Secretary-General had asked Mr Hawke to make a "robust intervention" in the disarmament debate.

I would be grateful to know whether the Prime Minister would be willing to accept Mr Hawke's suggestion for a breakfast meeting on 23 November. The case for an early meeting is in our view slightly strengthened by the information that Mr Hawke has been asked to speak on disarmament.

You should also know that Sir Victor Garland said that he would find out whether Mr Hawke's arrival in Delhi on Tuesday 22 November could be brought forward to enable him to accept the Prime Minister's lunch invitation on that day. In view of Mr Hawke's commitments en route, we have serious doubts as to whether this will be possible. We shall press the High Commissioner to let us have a firm reply one way or the other as rapidly as possible. Meanwhile we shall consider whether the Prime Minister should seek to arrange any other meetings that day, particularly over lunch, as requested in your letter of 28 October. — *in PM Taus file*

Sir Victor Garland confirmed that Mr Hawke would also want to have a wide-ranging discussion at his meeting with the Prime Minister. Apart from disarmament, economic issues and the New Bretton Woods proposal, he had it in mind in particular to raise sporting links with South Africa, Hong Kong and the Middle East.

Yours ever,

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Prime Minister.

Agree these arrangements?

15 November 1983

A.S.C. $\frac{15}{11}$.

Dear John. Can we not find another line? Few people are at their desks when a final meeting is involved. ml

CHOGM: Bilateral Meeting with Mr Hawke

The Australian High Commission have now confirmed that Mr Hawke will not be arriving in Delhi until late afternoon on 22 November following a three-day visit to Thailand, and he will not therefore be able to have a meeting with the Prime Minister on that day. On the basis of your letter of 1 November we are proceeding with plans for a working breakfast on Wednesday 23 November. However, now that the CHOGM opening ceremony has been moved forward by 45 minutes, we suggest that breakfast should begin at 7.30 am. (The new timings for the opening ceremony mean that the Foreign Secretary and senior officials will have to be in the Conference Centre by 8.45 am; the Prime Minister will have to be there by 9.20 am.)

We have not previously consulted you on the venue for the working breakfast, but it seems to us that it would be convenient if the Prime Minister were to offer breakfast to Mr Hawke in the High Commissioner's residence. We propose that the Prime Minister be accompanied by the Foreign Secretary, Mr Alison, Sir R Armstrong, Sir A Acland and a Private Secretary. I should be grateful to know whether the Prime Minister agrees on these two points.

As soon as you can confirm the Prime Minister's agreement, Lady Young will write to Sir Victor Garland in formal confirmation of these arrangements.

I am copying this letter to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

Yours ever,

Pete Ricketts

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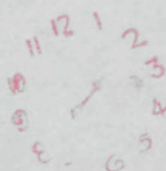
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PRIME MINISTER

CHOGM: BILATERAL MEETING WITH MR. HAWKE

You asked whether we could find another time. The difficulty is that Mr. Hawke wants to meet you early in the session and he himself proposed a working breakfast - you agreed to this earlier and we so informed the Australians.

In the light of this, can you accept the arrangements in the attached letter?

Yes

A.S.C.

16 November 1983



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From the Private Secretary

17 November 1983

CHOGM: Bilateral Meeting with Mr Hawke

Thank you for your letter of 15 November.

The Prime Minister agrees that her breakfast meeting with Mr. Hawke should begin at 7.30 am on Wednesday, 23 November; that the meeting should take place at the High Commissioner's Residence (provided this is convenient for Sir Robert Wade-Gery); and that she should be accompanied by those listed in your letter.

I am copying this letter to Richard Hatfield (Cabinet Office).

A. J. COLES

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