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THE PRIME MINISTER

4 July 1988

Dear Bob.

Thank you for the letter you sent me before the Economic Summit. Many of the points you raised were indeed discussed at Toronto and covered in the Economic Declaration.

I fully agree with you that we must all continue to resist protectionist pressures, and I believe that the outcome of the Toronto Summit will give fresh momentum to the Geneva negotiations in the run-up to the Montreal Mid-Term Meeting of the GATT Round. We renewed our commitments to standstill and rollback of protectionist barriers; and we endorsed the need to strengthen GATT disciplines and dispute settlement procedures, a point to which I personally attach great importance.

You were concerned that substantial results should be achieved, wherever possible, at Montreal, and in particular that progress should be made on agricultural reform. So you will have been pleased to see, as I was, that the Toronto declaration, reaffirming the Punta del Este declaration, allows for early agreement where appropriate, and also specifically recognises that the Mid-Term Meeting can take decisions where appropriate.

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I look forward to seeing you in August, when we can turn our attention to making a success of the Montreal meeting.

Yours ever
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The Honourable R. J. L. Hawke, Esq., A.C., M.P.



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

1 July 1988

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Dear Charles

Toronto Economic Summit: letter to the Prime Minister
from the Australian Prime Minister

at 11.25
In your letter of 13 June you asked for a reply after the Toronto Economic Summit to Mr Hawke's letter to the Prime Minister. I enclose a draft, which has been cleared with Treasury, DTI and MAFF officials.

We shall be sending you shortly draft replies to other letters sent to the Prime Minister before the Toronto Summit.

I am copying this letter, with enclosure, to Alex Allan (HM Treasury), Shirley Stagg (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food), Stephen Ratcliffe (Department of Trade and Industry) and Trevor Woolley (Cabinet Office).

Yours sincerely

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