



10 DOWNING STREET

From the Private Secretary

21 May, 1979.

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Rhodesia

I enclose a copy of a letter to the Prime Minister from the Prime Minister of Australia, Mr. Malcolm Fraser, which was delivered at No.10 on 19 May.

The Prime Minister has seen Mr. Fraser's letter, and has commented:-

"The people of Rhodesia have the right to decide themselves who shall be their Government and whether they approve the internal settlement."

I shall be grateful for advice on a reply which the Prime Minister might send Mr. Fraser. The reply need not, I suggest, cover the questions of Australia's trade relations with the EEC, or the imposition of licensing controls on imports of coking coal to which Mr. Fraser refers briefly at the end of his letter and to which he promises to revert.

I am sending a copy of this letter and enclosure to Martin Vile (Cabinet Office).

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