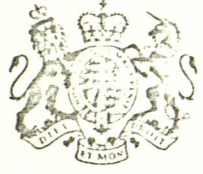


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My dear Nelson,

Now that I am back in London I can write to congratulate you very warmly on the successful conclusion of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting. A meeting of this kind - bringing together, as it does, so many countries with such different interests and such varied objectives - could so easily fail to fulfil expectations, but I believe that the exchanges of view which we had in Melbourne and Canberra were positive and constructive. These were of course particularly useful, coming just before Cancun.

That our discussions were so valuable was, if I may say so, due in very large measure to your skilful chairmanship. Without your wise and patient guidance I doubt whether our deliberations would have been nearly so fruitful.

I think too that the success of the meeting owed much to the way in which you organised the occasion. This was clearly an enormous task, but everything was arranged with unobtrusive efficiency and no effort was spared to ensure our comfort and safety. I and all my party are very grateful to you for your generous hospitality.

And Terry was wonderful.

Yours  
Malcolm

Raymond

The Right Honourable Malcolm Fraser CH

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