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THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

Prime Minister.

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PERSONAL MESSAGE

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My dear Prime Minister

Mr Hawke has asked me to pass to you the following message concerning the evacuation of Australian staff from Beirut:

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Dear Margaret,

The Foreign Minister, Bill Hayden, has informed me of the safe evacuation from Lebanon of Australian staff from our mission in Beirut by British Military helicopters.

I should like to express to you my Government's deep appreciation of the assistance rendered by your Armed Services in this emergency. Please convey our thanks to the unit involved in the operation.

Yours sincerely,

Bob Hawke

Text ends.

For records
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