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JOINT PRESS EVENT

SCENESETTER

PURPOSE

To meet selected members of the media after discussions with Australian government officials.

SETTING

On January 2 at Parliament House, you will be accompanied by the Prime Minister to the Parliament House roof where each of you will have the opportunity to make a short statement and answer questions for approximately 30 minutes. An alternative site, Committee Room Number 1, also is under consideration by the Prime Minister's office.

Participants will include a number of media representatives to be determined (television, radio and print). Approximately 40 percent will be White House Press Corps, 40 percent Australian, and 20 percent international.

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INAUGURATION OF THE AUSTRALIAN CENTRE FOR AMERICAN STUDIES

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this reception at the Ambassador's residence is to inaugurate the Australian Centre for American Studies (ACAS), honor its corporate and academic backers, and to signal U.S. support for its aims. You may also use this opportunity to acknowledge and support an education initiative to study educational interchange between our two countries should Prime Minister Hawke propose it to you (and should you agree to it) before this meeting.

SETTING

The ACAS is a new national institution located on the campus of the University of Sydney. The University of Sydney has provided initial funding and office space for the Centre. Funding has also been provided by the private sector; companies include Caltex, Rockwell and others with ties to both countries. In connection with the inauguration of the Centre by you, the United States Information Agency is contributing US \$50,000 to support the Centre's programs.

In 1988, Prime Minister Hawke similarly helped to launch the Center for Australian Studies at the University of Texas at Austin. The Australian Government contributed A\$ 50,000 to toward the Texas Center's establishment. The establishment of the Australian Center completes a "sister" center arrangement.

The Centre will encourage joint research projects and will sponsor seminars, possibly including workshops for teachers of American studies in Australian high schools. Most funding will come from the corporate sector.

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POINTS TO BE MADE AT MEETING WITH ACADEMICS  
(DEDICATION OF AUSTRALIAN CENTER FOR AMERICAN STUDIES)

- I'm delighted to be here today and to join in the launching the Australian Centre for American Studies, which will play an important role in furthering understanding and knowledge between our two countries.
- o Our two nations share much in common -- culturally, historically, even linguistically. But differences do exist, and we can and should do more to foster greater understanding.
- o There is much that we can learn from the other: in education, the sciences, trade and economics. Study and exchange in these areas will not only benefit our two nations, but enrich the lives of those involved.
- Mutual understanding is not only enriching, but also is a vital prerequisite to peace and prosperity.
- o The Fulbright Program has brought about the exchange of tens of thousands of Australians and Americans. Among the many distinguished alumni of that program are my host in Sydney yesterday, Nick Greiner, and U.S. Ambassador Tom Pickering, who received his Master's Degree from Melbourne University.

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- o The benefits of educational interchange come in many ways. The late Gordon Samstag, an American artist who taught at the South Australia School of Fine Arts, endowed that school a scholarship fund of six million dollars to support Australian students' study abroad.
- Earlier today Prime Minister Hawke spoke to me about his desire to expand educational exchange between our two countries. I welcome this initiative and I'm sure U.S. officials and their colleagues in the academic sector will be interested in learning more about the proposal.
- In 1988, Prime Minister Hawke helped to launch the Center for Australian Studies at the University of Texas at Austin, contributing 50,000 Australian dollars to the Center. Today I am pleased to announce that the United States Information Agency is similarly contributing 50,000 U.S. dollars to the Australian Centre for American Studies.
- I hope this center will lead to an expansion of American studies in Australia. The challenge the future holds is for us to find new ways to increase mutual understanding. I am confident that the Australian Centre for American Studies will open many new ways.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Mort Dworken, POL  
Rosemarie Forsythe, POL

Thru: Lewis Luchs, USIS

From: Bill Bach, USIS

Subject: Event Paper for the Inauguration of the Australian  
Centre for American Studies

Event: Reception/Cocktail to inaugurate the  
Australian Centre for American Studies (ACAS).

Purpose: For the President to launch the ACAS, honor  
its corporate and academic backers, and to  
signal U.S. support for its aims.

Setting: From 3:30-4 p.m. on January 2 in the living  
room of the residence of the American  
Ambassador in Canberra.

Objectives: To launch the ACAS and show U.S. support for  
its commitment to expand academic and  
business ties between Australia and the  
United States through American studies.

To highlight the benefits of learning more  
about each other through the exchange of  
scholars and experts and through the mutual  
study of our societies.

To cite the achievements of the Fulbright  
Program in Australia and the promise of other  
developments in educational exchange, such as  
Prime Minister Hawke's initiative and the  
Samstag endowment for art scholarships.

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## Draft Talking Points for ACAS Event

--Thank you for coming this afternoon to join me in launching the Australian Centre for American Studies. Each of you is here because of your commitment to strengthening the Australian-American friendship through better understanding.

- o Our two nations share much in common -- culturally, historically, perhaps even linguistically. But as our variations on the mother tongue show, differences do exist. In fact, the different approaches we have to similar problems is why the establishment of this Centre is so important.
- o There is much that each of our countries can learn from the other: in the fields of education policy, environmental protection, productivity, information technology, trade and economics. Study and exchange of information in these areas will increase bilateral trade and investment, it will support scholarly research, and it will enrich the lives of the Australians and Americans involved.

--Some of you present today represent institutions dedicated to the belief that mutual understanding is not only enriching, but that it is a vital prerequisite to peace and prosperity.

- o The Fulbright Program in Australia has brought about the exchange of tens of thousands of Australian and American Fulbrighters. Among the many distinguished alumni of that program are my host in Sydney yesterday, Nick Grainer, and my Ambassador to the United Nations, Sam Pickering, who received his Master's Degree from Melbourne University. And, as the careers of these two men illustrate, the good will for another country engendered by educational exchange does not stop with the individual. It has a ripple effect that touches thousands.
- o That good will is also illustrated, eloquently, I think, by the last will and testament of an American artist, Gordon Samstag. Mr. Samstag spent 11 joyful years teaching at the South Australia School of Fine Arts in Adelaide. When he passed away in 1990, he endowed that that school with a scholarship fund of nearly six million dollars to support the study abroad of Australian art students.

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--Earlier today Prime Minister Hawke spoke to me about his desire to expand educational exchange between our two countries. I support this initiative fully and look forward to getting the recommendations of the panel of U.S. and Australian educators and officials who will be reporting to us on how to proceed.

- o Americans and Australians of my generation know from the terrible experience of war the importance of our friendship. Bob Hawke and I hope that educational exchange will instill younger generations, who were spared that wartime experience, with a sense of the importance of our relationship.

--In 1988, Prime Minister Hawke took part in the official launch of the Center for Australian Studies at the University of Texas at Austin. On that occasion, he announced the contribution of 50,000 Australian dollars towards its establishment. Today I am very pleased to announce that the United States Information Agency is contributing 50,000 U.S. dollars to the Australian Centre for American Studies.

- o I know each of you agree that there is a real need in Australia for a national center of American studies. It will facilitate the exchange of information on contemporary issues, which will be a practical benefit to both sides.
- o I am encouraged by the growing number of Australian studies programs in American universities. I hope this center will lead to an expansion of American studies in Australia.
- o The challenge the future holds is for us to find new ways to increase mutual understanding. I am confident that the Australian Centre for American Studies will open many new ways.

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