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PRESIDENTIAL TALKING POINTS:      EMBASSY GREETINGS  
   AMERICAN EMBASSY AUSTRALIA  
   WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1992

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- Thank you for your wonderful work. May God bless you all.

- I want especially to thank the Ambassador [Mel] and Mrs. [Betty] Sembler for putting us up and for giving this visit the proper leadership.
- I would like to express how much confidence and respect I have for the foreign service and for those who devote their lives to serving our nation overseas -- civilian and military. That goes as well for all who represent the various departments and agencies of our government. I also am aware of the sacrifices made by the family members of those employees who leave the United States.
- Without professionalism and dedication at our embassies and consulates and defense facilities around the world, the United States would not have the great country that it is. I know sometimes it seems far away and you wonder if people in the White House really care about the work you are doing. Barbara and I have served in an embassy far from Washington, and I want to say that here stands one who is deeply appreciative for it all.

In this context, there are some differences, but we should not let them blind us to the significance of our friendship.

- Overriding the bilateral problems that crop up from time to time is the fact that Australia and the United States are staunch friends and everybody here in this embassy has in my view done something to enhance and contribute to that.

- I will make sure this beautiful tree is given some soil, and we will at least get the chance to say hello. God bless you all.

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**WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM**

91 DEC 20 A 8:45

DATE: 12/18/91 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: THURSDAY, 12/19/91 3:00p

PRESIDENTIAL TALKING POINTS: EMBASSY GREETING

CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA - WED., 1/1/92

SUBJECT: \_\_\_\_\_

	ACTION	FYI		ACTION	FYI
VICE PRESIDENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	HORNER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
SKINNER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MCCLURE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<del>SCOWCROFT</del>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PETERSMEYER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
DARMAN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PORTER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BRADY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ROGICH	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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DEMAREST	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>SNOW</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
FITZWATER	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
GRAY	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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REMARKS:

Please forward your comments directly to Tony Snow, Rm. 122, x2930, no later than 3:00 p.m., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, with a copy to this office. Thank you.

RESPONSE:

NSC concurs with noted changes

**- MASTER -**

Brent Scowcroft

cc: Phillip Brady

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PHILLIP D. BRADY  
Assistant to the President  
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Ext. 2702

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CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA - WED., 1/1/92

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