

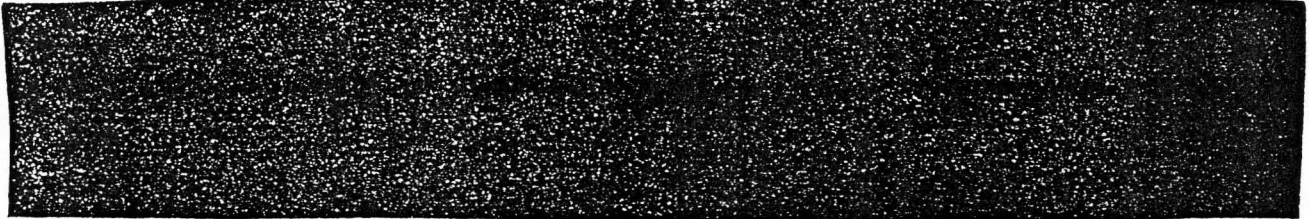
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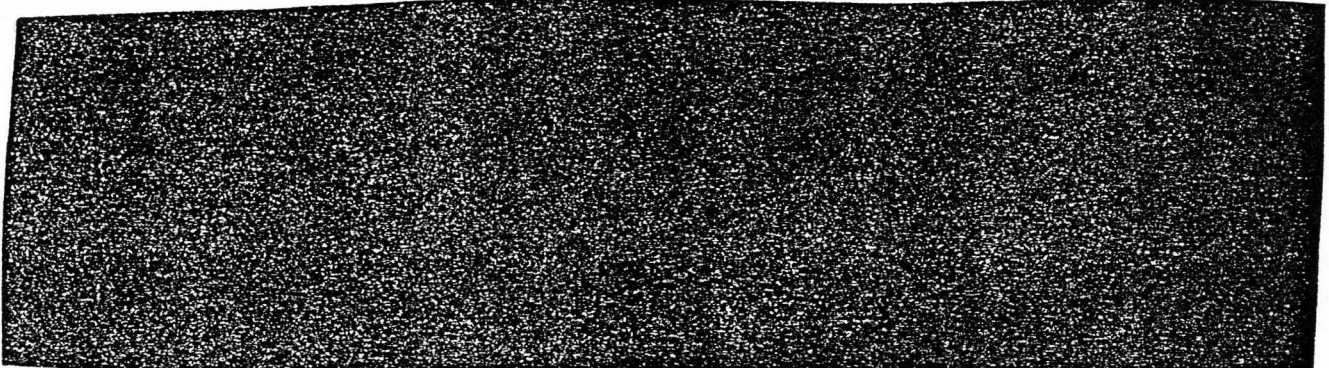
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Australia currently facilitates projection of U.S. power into the Indian Ocean and Southwest Asia by receiving some four-five dozen ship visits per year and by facilitating B-52 reconnaissance and training missions. In addition, Australia hosts joint defense and intelligence facilities that: (a) provide communications with our submarines and surface vessels in the Indian Ocean and the Western Pacific, (b) enhance strategic early warning in the event of Soviet ballistic missile attack, and (c) provide critical intelligence on Soviet military operations and testing, including information necessary for the verification of arms control agreements. During 1986-88, agreements on the joint facilities will revert from a long-term to a year-by-year basis. ~~SECRET~~

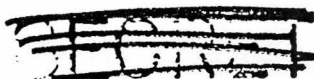
In addition, Australia has the potential to play an important role of its own in regional security. The Australian armed forces -- although small on a global scale -- are one of the largest military organizations in the Southern Hemisphere. These forces can serve as stabilizing elements in the South Pacific and Southeast Asia and in safeguarding passage through vital straits linking the Pacific and Indian Oceans. ~~SECRET~~

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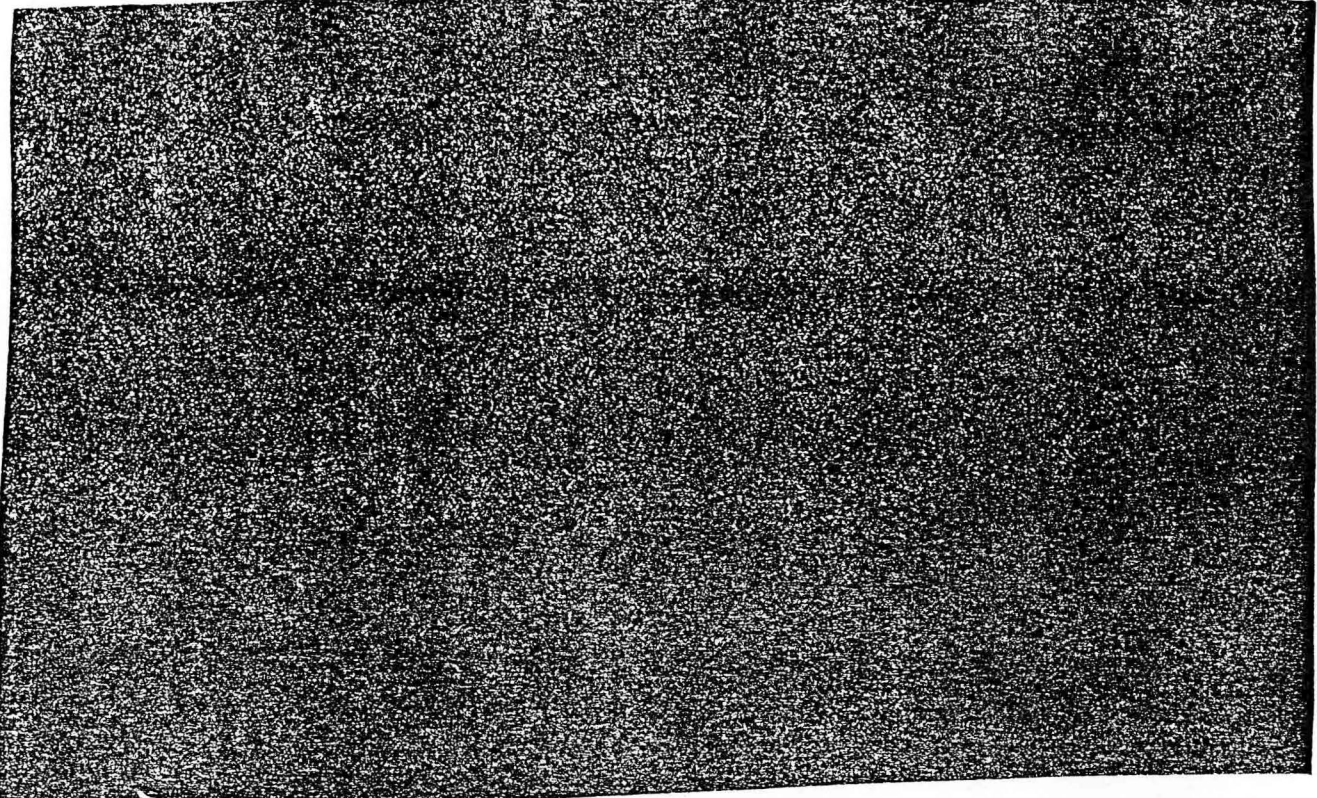
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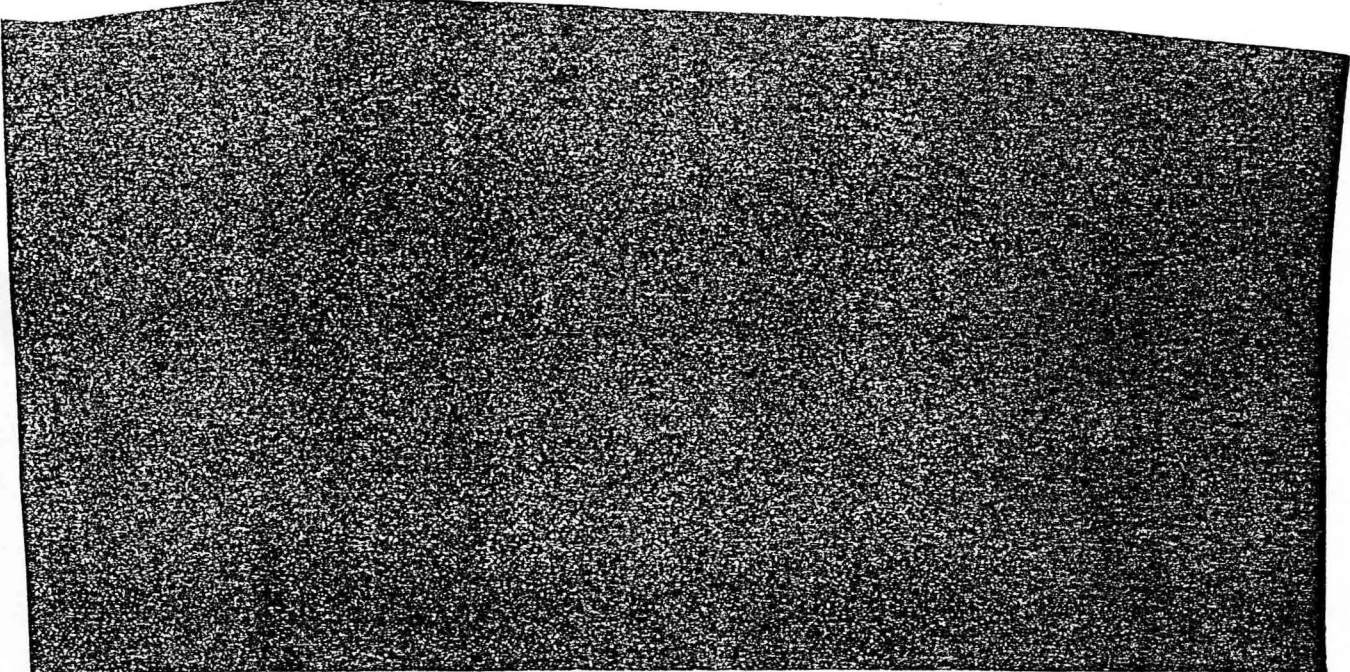
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To achieve these overall objectives, we should emphasize the following themes during this important visit. ~~(S)~~

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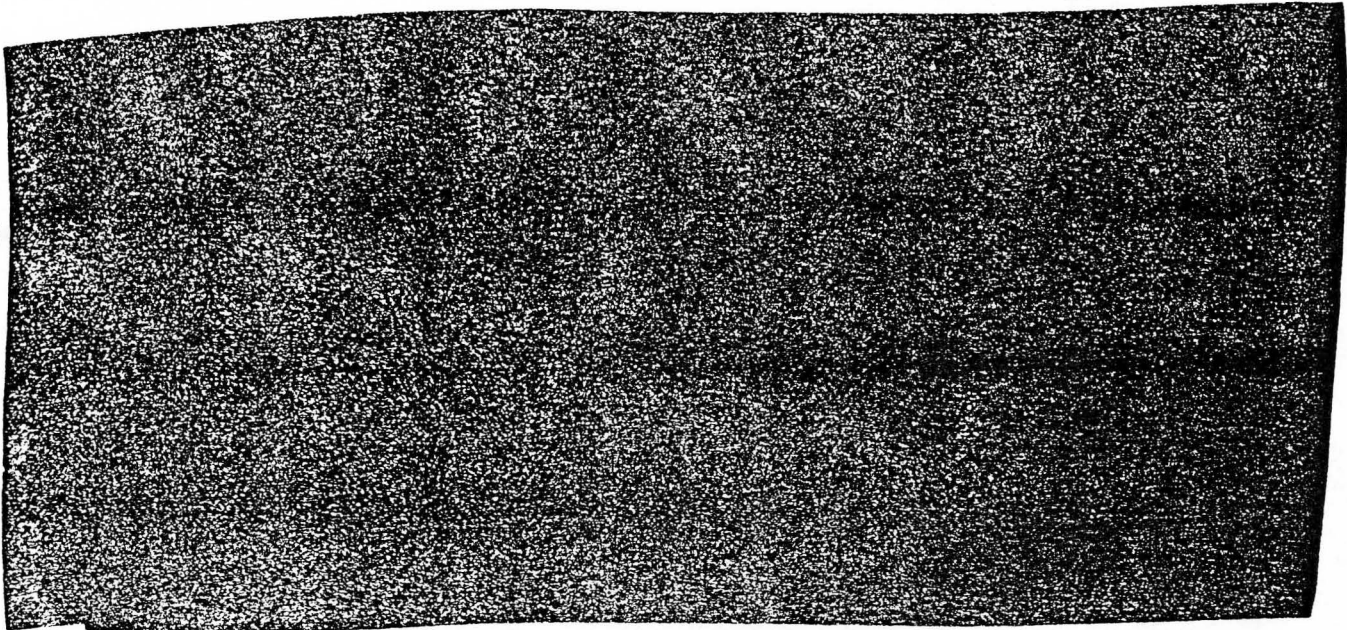
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Economic Relationship

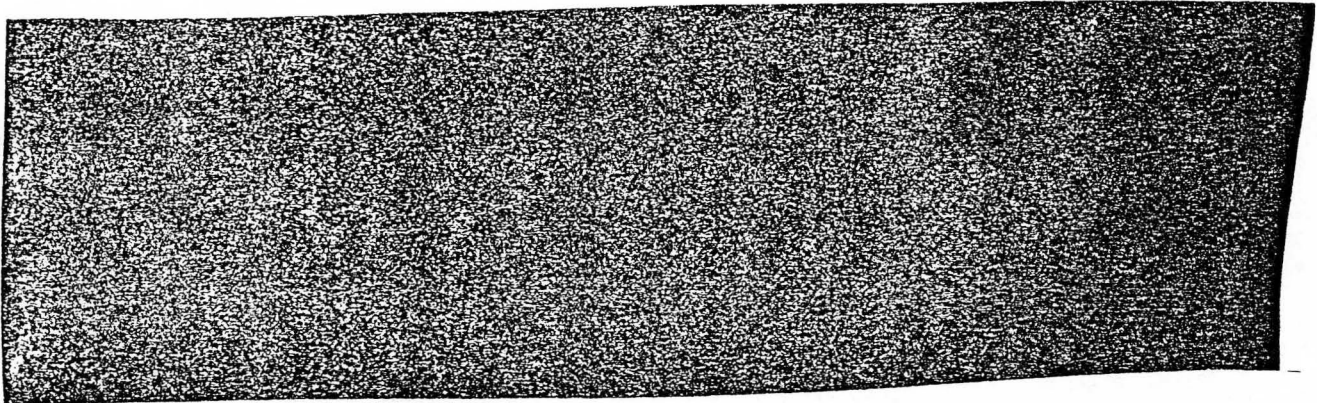
Fourth, in the trade area we should seek:

- To emphasize to the Australians the degree to which we do take Australian agricultural concerns into account in our policy formulation, and implementation and the extent to which we have maintained an open market for Australian exports. ~~USA~~

- To encourage the Australians to recognize that the root cause of declining wheat prices is the changed supply/demand balance resulting, inter alia, from subsidized EC exports and increased production in consuming countries. ~~USA~~

- To indicate to the Australians that reduced U.S. agricultural price supports are a first step toward greater sensitivity to market signals. ~~USA~~

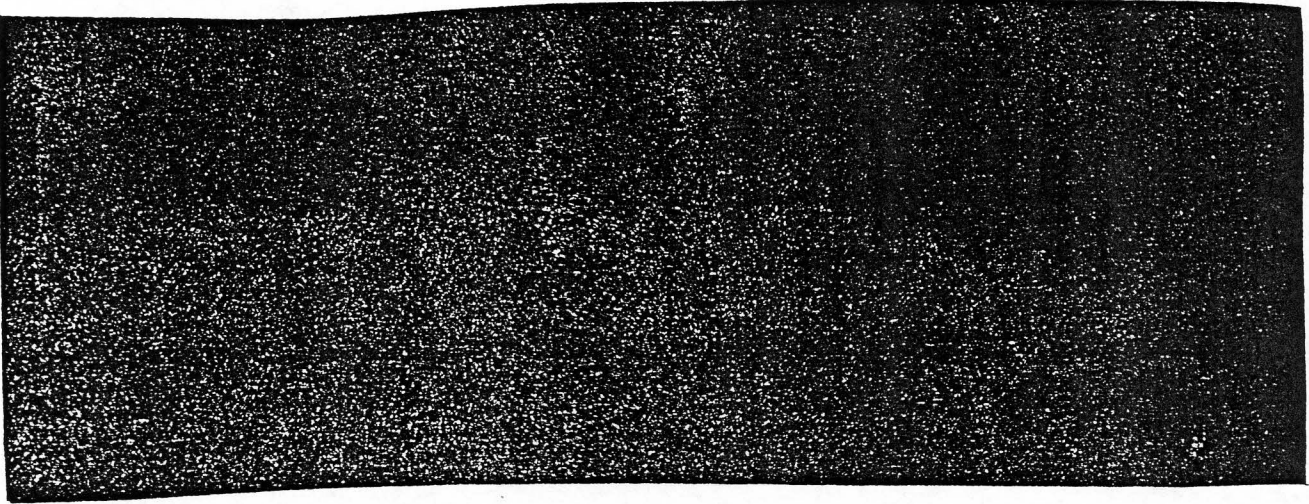
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Australian Bicentennial

Fifth, with regard to the 1988 Australian Bicentennial, we should aim:

- To promise continued USG funding of operations of the American Australian Bicentennial Foundation. ~~XX~~

- To reaffirm our commitment to U.S. participation in Brisbane EXPO 88 and the Tall Ships event. ~~XX~~

- To encourage Congressional funding of a 5 million dols. U.S. National Gift to the Bicentennial for the proposed Australian Maritime Museum. ~~XX~~

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