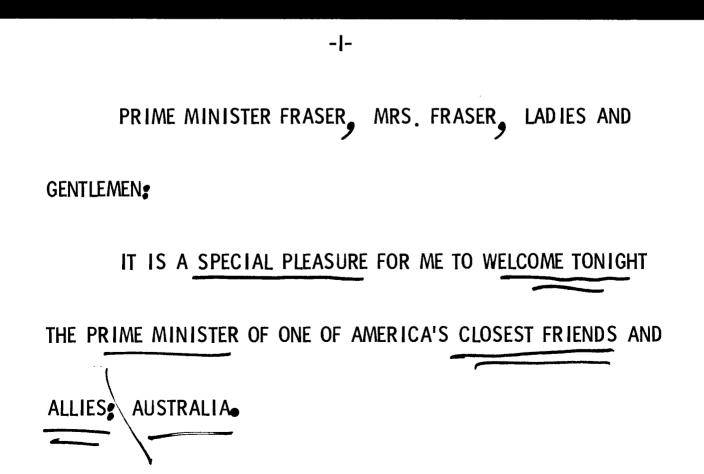
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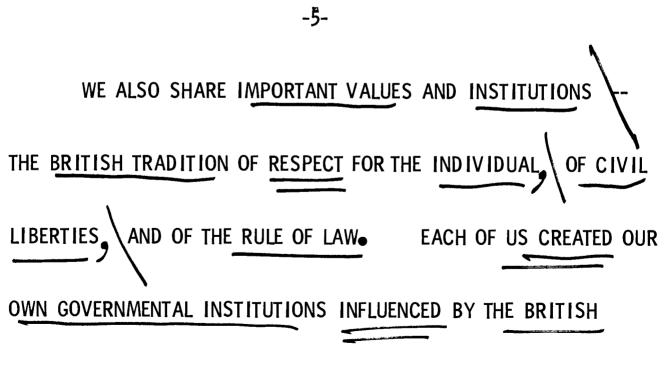
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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS AT STATE DINNER FOR AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER FRASER JULY 27, 1976



BOTH AUSTRALIA AND THE UNITED STATES WERE FRONTIER COUNTRIES WITH VAST OPEN SPACES AND ABUNDANT NATURAL RESOURCES. THESE FACTORS INFLUENCED THE WAY OUR NATIONS DEVELOPED AND MOVED IN SIMILAR DIRECTIONS.



PARLIAMENTARY MODEL

AUSTRALIANS

SUCH CLOSE PARALLELS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE MADE AMERICANS THINK OF AUSTRALIANS AS BEING AND WE HOPE THAT FEELING IS RECIPROCATED. LIKE US AMERICANS FEEL VERY MUCH AT HOME IN AUSTRALIA AND WITH

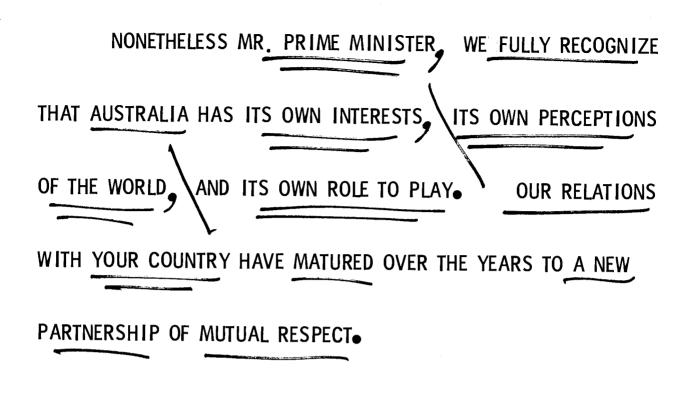
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LIMITS ON THE POWERS OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.

FOUNDED ORIGINALLY AS SEPARATE COLONIES. EACH RECOGNIZES

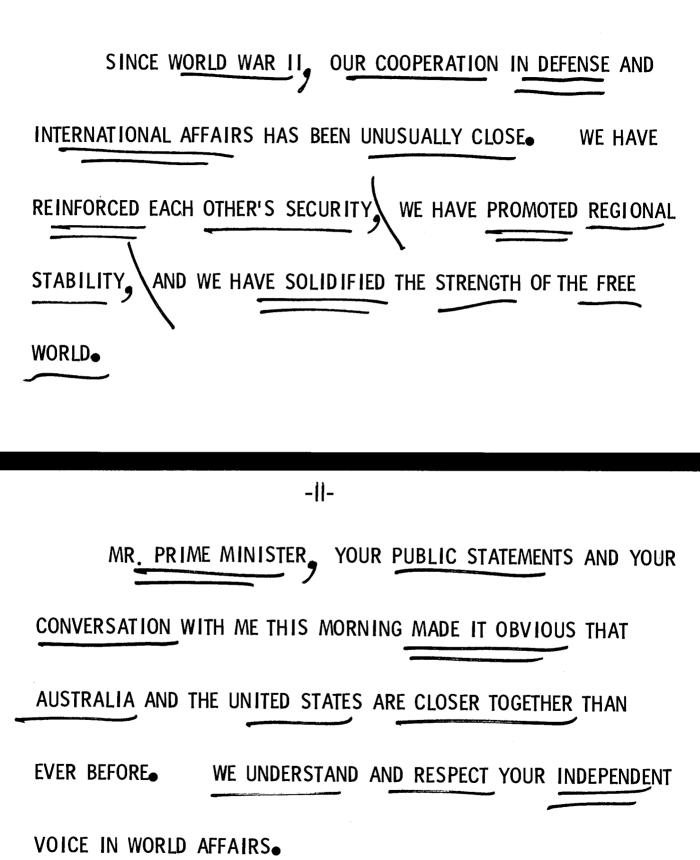
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THE UNITED STATES AND AUSTRALIA ARE BOTH FEDERATIONS OF STATES



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WORLD WAR II BROUGHT US TOGETHER IN A TIME OF TRIAL IN 1951 WE BOTH JOINED WITH NEW ZEALAND AND SIGNED THE A.N.Z.U.S. TREATY. THAT TREATY SYMBOLIZES THE FUNDAMENTAL INTERESTS WE SHARE.



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ON THIS BASIS OUR COLLABORATION HAS EVEN GREATER MEANING AND VALUE. WE BOTH RECOGNIZE THAT PEACE IN THIS INTERDEPENDENT WORLD WILL REQUIRE EVEN GREATER COOPERATION ON ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL QUESTIONS.

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ADVANCED DEMOCRACIES SUCH AS OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE

CRUCIAL ROLES TO PLAY IN STRENGTHENING THE GLOBAL ECONOMY AND CREATING HEALTHY LONG-TERM RELATIONS BETWEEN THE

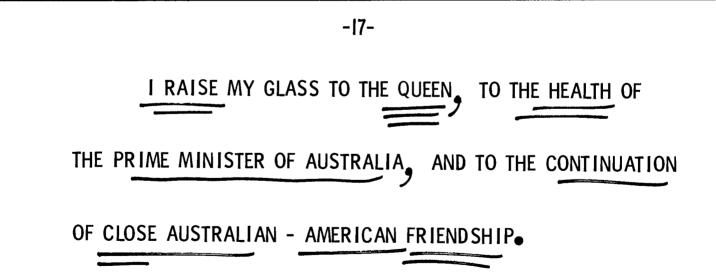
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

WE CONSIDER AUSTRALIA AN IMPORTANT PARTNER IN ALL

COMMON ENDEAVORS OF THE FREE WORLD.



MR. PRIME MINISTER, OUR TALKS HAVE ENHANCED THE NATURAL PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND THE UNITED STATES. IN THE COMING YEARS, THIS PARTNERSHIP WILL MAKE AN EVER -EXPANDING CONTRIBUTION TO PEACE AND PROGRESS. I AM CERTAIN OUR GOVERNMENTS WILL CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER TO MEET THE COMPLEX CHALLENGES OUR TWO NATIONS WILL FACE IN THE YEARS AHEAD.



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