



PRIME MINISTER

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When I announced the acceptance of President Reagan's invitation to meet with him in Washington on June 13 I indicated it was probable that visits to other countries would be included in the itinerary.

I am now able to announce the broad itinerary for my visit overseas from June 2 to 20.

My first consultations outside Australia as Prime Minister will be with Prime Minister Somare and the Papua New Guinea Government in Port Moresby.

Australia and Papua New Guinea have a close and special relationship and at these discussions I shall be reaffirming the importance my Government places on these relations and our shared perceptions of the importance of the South Pacific region.

Mr Somare's request for a review of the aid arrangements will also be discussed.

I shall be visiting Jakarta and holding discussions with President Soeharto and the Indonesian Government.

Australia must have a close and harmonious relationship with our nearest Asian neighbour.

In my talks with President Soeharto and the Indonesian Government I shall be aiming to build upon our common interests, while seeking better mutual understanding on issues about which we have had different views.

I have accepted an invitation from the Director-General of the ILO, Mr Blanchard, to address the International Labour Conference in Geneva on June 10.

Before this commitment I shall have talks in London and in Paris.

In London I shall meet with Prime Minister Thatcher and Foreign Secretary Pym. I shall also be meeting with the Queen, and attend the opening of the Australian Studies Centre at the University of London.

In Paris I shall be meeting President Mitterrand and members of the French Government, and also have discussions with the Secretary-General of the OECD, Mr Van Lennep.

During my visit to Washington to meet with President Reagan a full program of talks has been arranged with members of the Administration including Vice President Bush, Secretary of State Shultz and Defence Secretary Weinberger.

In the United States I will be accompanied by the Treasurer, Mr Keating, and in Washington we shall have discussions with senior United States economic officials.

In New York we shall meet with members of the banking and business community. I shall also be meeting with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr Perez de Cuellar.

The draft itinerary is:

2-3 June - Port Moresby
3-5 June - Jakarta
6-8 June - London
8-9 June - Paris
9-10 June - Geneva
11-15 June - Washington
15-17 June - New York