



PRIME MINISTER

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TRANSCRIPT OF DOORSTOP AT IMPERIAL HOTEL - TOKYO - 17 MAY 1986

JOURNALIST: The newspapers are talking about chaos and panic your Government. What is your reaction?

PM: Nonsense.

JOURNALIST: How about the fact that communications between Canberra and Beijing are extremely poor? Do you think you will be able to maintain? It takes up to three hours to book one call through, sir.

PM: Not if you have got contacts.

JOURNALIST: Sir, are you considering sending any of your political economic advisers back?

PM: No.

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