

PRIME MINISTER'S REMARKS AFTER ARRIVAL CEREMONY AT THE  
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The discussions that we have had this morning, I regard as being particularly useful and constructive. Quite clearly, from the policies that have been implemented in the United States under the President's charge, you would expect that Australia would be in a fair measure of agreement on a number of those policies. On the economic policies and the strengthening of the dollar, and the strengthening economy of this country, we would like to say all strength to your arm, Mr. President, because an economically strong United States is important for the entire free world; the policies in relation to East/West, again, a strong United States is important not only to the American people but to the Australian people and to free people everywhere. So again, Mr. President, all strength to your arm.

We discussed, as you have indicated, a wide range of issues. I was particularly delighted, Mr. President, with your willingness to see what can be done to remove the rough edges at the extra-territorial reach of United States law. We have agreed that, as and when it will be convenient for both our Attorneys-General, for them to consult to see how this might best be achieved. Thank you very much for directing that that review take place.

We have discussed at length major North/South issues, the economic relationships between wealthy countries such as the United States and Australia, and many others, and developing countries - or the least developed countries in this world. I hope I am not putting words into your mouth, Mr. President, in saying that I believe that we both recognise that it is important for the peace and stability of the world that we try and make progress in these major issues, that we try and see that more and more peoples of the world have opportunities to live a decent life in dignity and self-esteem. You have told me of some of the things that you have in mind to help achieve that particular objective.

We are meeting again this evening, Mr. President. I will be looking forward to discussions with your Secretary of State and Secretary of Defence and other members of your administration.

Again, may I say how much my wife and I and the entire Australian party are delighted to be here. May I say how delighted we are to see what is happening in the United States right at this time.