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For Department

PRIME MINISTER

FOR MEDIA

20 April 1983

The following message was sent to the Greek Prime Minister:today - "Dear Prime Minister

I should like to congratulate you for your Government's resolute action in bringing the attempted hijack of a Turkish airliner at the weekend to a speedy and successful end.

This achievement is a valuable step in contributing to international efforts to combat terrorism. All Australians, I am sure, would support me in this expression of appreciation.

Yours sincerely,

BOB HAWKE"