



PRIME MINISTER

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The Prime Minister received the following message from the President of the United States, Mr. Ronald Reagan:

"Dear Bob,

If the America's Cup had to leave the United States, I am delighted that its home will be Australia -- at least until the next race. All Australians must be justifiably proud of the extraordinary team effort, skill and sportsmanship that brought off this magnificent victory. I hope you will share with all those who had anything to do with Australia II's success my congratulations and those of the American people.

One major consolation for us is that the next race will provide a large number of Americans the opportunity to enjoy the beauty and hospitality of Perth as they seek to bring home the cup.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan"