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JOURNALIST: Inaudible

PM: Well, that's a very relevant question which doesn't lend itself to an easy slick answer. Just let me take a little bit of time on it. The Americans say that they don't want the ANZUS Treaty to be torn up. They want it to stay in place there so that if at some later time the New Zealanders change their attitude, normal relations can be resumed under it. But they say, correctly, that the nature of the relations have changed as a result of the New Zealand decision. So they want to keep the bilateral relations between the United States and New Zealand as strong and effective and functioning as possible. And so do we. That is between Australia and the United States. Now, similarly, as far as we are concerned between Australia and New Zealand we want to keep the relationship effective because we are the two major powers in the South Pacific area and there are obligations and responsibilities that attach to that status. And the Americans understand that. So what is really happening now is that I have asked Mr Beazley and Mr Hayden to prepare a detailed submission for the Cabinet which we will consider within the next week, I would think - I think the week after this one - in which the detailed implications of that philosophy that I have just put are spelt out. That is, Australia, the Australian Government remains totally committed to the Alliance relationship with the United States and we are going to see that everything involved in that relationship is maintained. At the same time we want to maintain an effective relationship with New Zealand so we have got to see what is involved in doing that. At the same time, and I make this final point, as a result of the United States decision that it will not pass on US-sourced intelligence to New Zealand, we must and will respect that so that that requires also some detailed planning in that any mixed source intelligence has got to be looked at so that nothing of United States origin goes onto New Zealand.

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PM: Well we must and we will. I mean, the United States relationship is fundamental as far as this Government is concerned. And I have made that clear from the time I first campaigned in 1983. It remains central in our international relationships. That doesn't mean, of course, as I have said, that we are subservient to the United States, that we won't have different points of view to them on particular issues. We do and we will, but nevertheless that alliance relationship is central. We will continue to accept our obligations under that relationship of hosting joint facilities, of making our ports available for visits of United States ships under that alliance. These things will remain. We are not in the business of punishing New Zealand, but what New Zealand itself has to understand that as a result of its own autonomous decision that there will be certain reactions in respect of its relationship with the United States.

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PM:n No, well the United States would not be expecting that this Australian Government would in fact impose sanctions upon New Zealand. They wouldn't expect us to, nor have they in any sense asked us, but the problem for New Zealand rather comes as a result of its own decisions vis a vis the United States. I mean, that will be a decision which as time goes on they will no doubt have to assess. I believe that they did not expect the extent of reaction that has already taken place, but I have made it clear from the beginning, Leighton, that this Government is not in the business of trying to pressure New Zealand. I mean, it has to make up its own mind where it goes.

JOURNALIST: Inaudible.

PM: OK, Leighton, thank you very much. Best wishes.

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