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~~PRIME MINISTER'S~~
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TO IMMEDIATE CANBERRA
TELEGRAM NUMBER 266 OF 24 JULY
MY TELNOS 259 AND 263: FRASER'S VISIT

1. FRASER HAS TELEPHONED AGAIN, THIS TIME TO THE PRIME MINISTER ON THE MORNING OF 24 JULY. HE TOLD THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE SEVERE DIFFICULTIES WHICH HE FACES AT HOME WITH A NUMBER OF MAJOR STRIKES, AND IN THIS SITUATION DID NOT THINK THAT HE COULD JUSTIFY LEAVING THE COUNTRY. IT THEREFORE NOW SEEMS THAT HE WILL NOT BE COMING TO LONDON FOR THE ROYAL WEDDING. WE IMAGINE THAT MRS FRASER WILL STILL BE COMING TO REPRESENT HIM, THOUGH THIS WAS NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR FROM THE CONVERSATION WITH THE PRIME MINISTER.
2. FRASER INDICATED THAT IF HE DID NOT NOW VISIT LONDON FOR THE ROYAL WEDDING, HE SHOULD PROBABLY BE ABLE TO COME IN OCTOBER AS PREVIOUSLY PLANNED. HOWEVER, HE WISHES TO CONSIDER THIS FOR A FEW DAYS AND THEN CONTACT US AGAIN.
3. WE ASSUME THAT FRASER WILL NOT CHANGE HIS MIND A SECOND TIME, BUT, WHEN ENQUIRING ABOUT REPRESENTATION AT THE ROYAL WEDDING, YOU MAY WISH TO CHECK THAT HIS DECISION IS FINAL.

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