OFFICE OF THE HON KEVIN RUDD MP

MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
CANBERRA

Ms Amanda Lampe
~~Chief of Staff~~
Office of the Prime Minister
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Lampe Amanda,

I am writing to seek the Prime Minister's approval for Mr Rudd to travel to Ethiopia, Switzerland, Turkey, Greece, Liechtenstein, and Germany. Mr Rudd proposes to depart Australia on the evening of Monday 24 January and return on the morning of Monday 7 February 2011.

Mr Rudd proposes to visit Ethiopia from 25 to 28 January. He will attend the African Union Executive Council (the Foreign Ministers' Meeting) and conduct a series of bilateral meetings with African counterparts. He will also discuss bilateral and regional security challenges, including the situation in Sudan and terrorism in Africa. These meetings will be vital to building on Australia's engagement with Africa and to promote a range of Australian political and economic interests including Australia's substantial investment in the mining sector. While in Ethiopia, Mr Rudd will open the Australian Embassy in Addis Ababa.

At the invitation of the World Economic Forum (WEF) Mr Rudd seeks approval to attend the Informal Gathering of World Economic Leaders (IGWEL) program for heads of government and senior ministers in Davos on 29 to 30 January. This program of high level meetings and panel sessions is an important opportunity for Mr Rudd to contribute to shaping global political, social, economic and business agendas in 2011. Mr Rudd will participate as a discussion leader in a session on commodity price stabilization issues and as rapporteur in the panel discussion on the role of the G20 in the multilateral system. In addition to panel discussions, bilateral appointments have been sought with Jonas Gahr Store, Norwegian Foreign Minister; Jakaya Kikwete, Tanzanian President; Joseph Stiglitz, Professor of Economics at Columbia University and Robert Zoellick, President of the World Bank. Specific topics of discussion for these bilateral meetings will include development issues. Mr Rudd's itinerary does not overlap with that of Dr Emerson, who will also attend the WEF.

A high-level visit to Turkey outside the framework of Anzac Day would be well received by Turkey as a clear signal of our commitment to broaden relations beyond our Gallipoli links. Central to Mr Rudd's visit to Turkey from 31 January to 1 February would be a bilateral meeting with Foreign Minister Davutoğlu. Appointments will be sought with President Gül and Prime Minister Erdoğan.

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The principal focus of Mr Rudd's discussions would be to pursue our substantial agenda for bilateral and other cooperation with Turkey, s33(a)(iii) s33(a)(iii) [redacted]

A visit by Mr Rudd to Greece (Athens) on 2 February would be the first by an Australian Foreign Minister since 1997. A bilateral with Foreign Minister Droutsas will be the central element of the visit s33(a)(iii) [redacted] s33(a)(iii) Australia and Greece enjoy close people-to-people links s33(a)(iii) [redacted] s33(a)(iii) In addition to bilateral issues, including assistance with Greek public sector reform, Mr Rudd will be able to consult on matters of shared international concern s33(a)(iii) [redacted] global economic developments and international security cooperation through NATO/ISAF and the OSCE.

Mr Rudd proposes to incorporate a short side trip of a few hours duration to Liechtenstein into his proposed visit program. The focus of the visit would be a bilateral meeting with Foreign Minister Dr Aurelia Frick. While in Liechtenstein, Mr Rudd may also sign the Tax Information Exchange Agreement (TIEA) – currently our most significant bilateral project – and meet with senior representatives of HILTI (a Liechtenstein company active in the Australian construction/mining industries since 1960).

In Munich it is proposed that Mr Rudd participate in the substantive sessions on 4 and 5 February of the 47th Munich Security Conference. Core Conference themes – implications of the financial crisis for global security, and global and regional security challenges, with a focus on Afghanistan and Pakistan – are areas in which Australia has been very active, including jointly with host Germany, and other significant Conference participants. Arms control and non-proliferation, and cyber security, are also on the agenda under a 'Euro-Atlantic Security Community' heading. This annual Conference attracts high-level participation from Europe, the US, the Middle East and the Asia-Pacific, as well as senior EU and UN representatives, providing an opportunity for Mr Rudd to engage with a range of counterparts on bilateral and multilateral issues. We expect Mr Rudd to also hold bilateral meetings with German Chancellor Merkel and Foreign Minister Westerwelle.

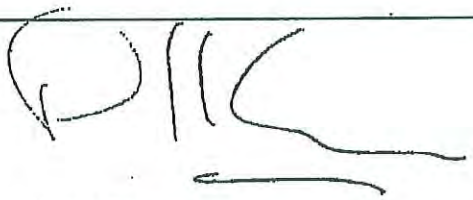
It is proposed that Mr Rudd be accompanied by Ms Kate Sieper, Press Secretary and by myself. I would be grateful for your approval for Mr Rudd to be accompanied by two advisors on this occasion given the breadth of issues to be covered in this visit.

I confirm that the most cost effective arrangements have been sought for the proposed travel. An itinerary and cost estimates for the proposed travel are attached at A and B. A draft program is also provided at attachment C.

The Attorney General, Mr McClelland, will be available from the evening of Monday 24 January to the morning of Monday 7 February 2011 to act as Minister for Foreign Affairs during Mr Rudd's absence.

I would be grateful if you could obtain the Prime Minister's agreement to the proposed travel as set out above.

Yours sincerely



Philip Green

Chief of Staff

ATTACHMENT A

VISIT BY MR RUDD TO ETHIOPIA, SWITZERLAND, TURKEY, GREECE, LIECHTENSTEIN AND GERMANY

24 JANUARY TO 7 FEBRUARY 2010

ITINERARY

Local time		
	Monday 24 January	
2030	Depart Brisbane – Emirates EK435	
	Tuesday 25 January	
0520	Arrive Dubai	
0825	Depart Dubai – Emirates EK723	
1125	Arrive Addis Ababa	
	Friday 28 January	
1935	Depart Addis Ababa – Emirates EK724	
	Saturday 29 January	
0035	Arrive Dubai	
0215	Depart Dubai – Swiss International LX243	
0620	Arrive Zurich	
TBA	Depart Zurich by vehicle	
TBA	Arrive Davos	
	Sunday 30 January	
1400	Depart Davos via vehicle	
1700	Arrive Zurich	
1800	Depart Zurich – Turkish Air 1910	
2150	Arrive Istanbul	
	Monday 31 January	
1700	Depart Istanbul – Turkish Air 2166	
1805	Arrive Ankara	
	Tuesday 1 February	
1815	Depart Ankara – Turkish Air TK2163	

1920	Arrive Istanbul
2120	Depart Istanbul – Olympic Air OA320
2240	Arrive Athens
	Thursday 3 February
0630	Depart Athens – Swiss Air LX1843
0825	Arrive Zurich
TBA	Depart Zurich by vehicle
TBA	Arrive Vaduz
TBA	Depart Vaduz by vehicle
TBA	Arrive Munich
	Saturday 5 February
2150	Depart Munich – Thai Air TG925
	Sunday 6 February
1425	Arrive Bangkok
1705	Depart Bangkok – British Air BA9
	Monday 7 February
0610	Arrive Sydney
0820	Depart Sydney – Qantas QF787
0915	Arrive Canberra

ATTACHMENT B

VISIT BY MR RUDD TO ETHIOPIA, SWITZERLAND, TURKEY, GREECE, LIECHTENSTEIN AND GERMANY

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COST ESTIMATES

ITEM	ESTIMATE (AUD)
Air Fares	
Mr Rudd (First and business class fares)	$30,100
Mr Green, Chief of Staff (Business class)	$22,100
Ms Sieper, Assistant Adviser (Business class)	$22,100
Car Hire	
Zurich to Vaduz to Munich	$2,135
Accommodation^	
Mr Rudd	
s37(1)(c) Addis Ababa (three nights)	(Suite) $1,227
s37(1)(c) Davos (two nights)	(Executive twin) $1,890
s37(1)(c) Istanbul (one night)	(Suite) $579
s37(1)(c) Ankara (one night)	(Suite) $433
s37(1)(c) Athens (two nights)	(Junior Suite) $558
s37(1)(c) Munich (two nights)	(Executive Suite) $3,626
Mr Green	
s37(1)(c) Addis Ababa (three nights)	(Standard room) $957
s37(1)(c) Davos (two nights)	(Superior twin) $1,679
s37(1)(c) Istanbul (one night)	(Club King room) $322
s37(1)(c) Ankara (one night)	(Executive room) $263
s37(1)(c) Athens (two nights)	(Executive room) $398
s37(1)(c) Munich (two nights)	(Junior suite) $2,050
Ms Sieper	
s37(1)(c) Addis Ababa (three nights)	(Executive room) $914
s37(1)(c) Davos (two nights – minimum booking for 14 nights)	(Standard room) $957 (Executive room) $1,721
s37(1)(c) Istanbul (one night)	
s37(1)(c) Ankara (one night)	(Club King room) $322
s37(1)(c) Athens (two nights)	(Executive room) $263
s37(1)(c) Munich (two nights)	(Executive room) $398 (Standard room) $1,106

^approx cost advised by post, early check-in and late check-out fees not included

Meals and incidentals	
Mr Rudd	$1,725
Mr Green	$1,153
Ms Sieper	$1,153
Transport	$1,500
Hospitality	$ 5,000*
Mr Rudd	*Please note this amount is a contingency. No non-portfolio hospitality anticipated at this stage
TOTAL	**$105,715**

ATTACHMENT C

VISIT BY MR RUDD TO ETHIOPIA, SWITZERLAND, TURKEY, GREECE, LIECHTENSTEIN AND GERMANY

24 JANUARY TO 7 FEBRUARY 2010

DRAFT PROGRAM

Monday 24 January

2030 Depart Brisbane – Emirates EK435

Tuesday 25 January

0520 Arrive Dubai

0825 Depart Dubai – Emirates EK723

1125 Arrive Addis Ababa

Program to be advised

Wednesday 26 February

Breakfast at [s37(1)(c) redacted]

0800 Time for Australian-based business

0850 Depart [s37(1)(c) redacted] for Prime Minister's Office

0900 Meeting with HE Mr Meles Zenawi, Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

1000 Depart Prime Minister's Office for Economic Commission for Africa

1015 Meeting with Mr Abdoulie Janneh, UN Under-Secretary General and Executive Secretary of the UN Economic Commission for Africa

1045 Depart Economic Commission for Africa for Ministry of Health

1100 Meeting with HE Dr Tewodros Adhanom, Minister of Health of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and announcement of Australian funding (TBC)

1145 Depart Ministry of Health for Hamlin College of Midwives

1215	Tour of Hamlin College of Midwives including light lunch
1330	Depart Hamlin College of Midwives for Ethiopian Mine Action Office Entoto Training Centre
1430	Tour of Ethiopian Mine Action Office Entoto Training Centre and possible announcement of Australian support (TBC)
1515	Depart Entoto Training Centre for African Union Headquarters
1600	Meet HE Mr Jean Ping, Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union (TBC)
1645	Depart African Union Headquarters for Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1700	Meeting with HE Mr Hailemariam Desalegn, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (TBC)
	Or
	Opening of Australian Official Residence and tree planting (TBC)
1800	Return to s37(1)(c) [redacted]
1850	Depart s37(1)(c) [redacted] for Sheraton Hotel
1900	Australia Day Reception, Mr Rudd to give 10 minute address
2100	Return to s37(1)(c) [redacted]
	No further engagements

Thursday 27 January

	Breakfast at s37(1)(c) [redacted]
0800	Time for Australian-based business
0845	Depart s37(1)(c) [redacted] for African Union Summit
0900	African Union Executive Council Meeting Opening Ceremony Mr Rudd to deliver a 5 minute address (TBC)
1100	Time available for bilaterals (TBC)
1300	Lunch (Executive Council will break for 1-2 hours, most ministers are likely to leave the meeting venue) (TBC)
1500	Time available for bilaterals (TBC)

1800	Return to s37(1)(c) [redacted] (TBC)
1900	African Union Reception or Dinner (TBC)

Friday 28 January

AM	Program to be advised
1935	Depart Addis Ababa – Emirates EK724

Saturday 29 January

0035	Arrive Dubai
0215	Depart Dubai – Swiss International LX243
0620	Arrive Zurich
	Met by Mr Tim Yeend, HOM Geneva WTO
TBA	Depart Zurich by vehicle
TBA	Arrive Davos
1030-1100	CCTV televised debate 'China's Image Abroad'
	Location: Congress Centre, Sanada 1 + 2
1100-1130	Possible visit to Morosani Schweizerhof for Australian-based business
	Possible Bilateral Meeting Venue: TBA Accompanied by: TBA
1200-1400	IGWEL lunch 'Informal Gathering of World Economic Leaders – the Role of the Group of 20 in the Multilateral System'
	Location: Congress Centre, Parsenn/Pischa
1400-1440	Possible media opportunity
1445-1615	IGWEL Session 'Stabilizing Commodity Prices and in a Resource-Constrained World' (Discussion Leader)
	Location : Congress Centre, Parsenn
1630-1700	Possible Bilateral Meeting Venue: TBA Accompanied by: TBA
1700-1730	Possible Bilateral Meeting

	Venue: TBA Accompanied by: TBA
1730-1800	Bilateral Meeting with Joseph Stiglitz Venue: Congress Centre, ME 19, Middle entry level Accompanied by: Mr Green
1800-1900	Possible media opportunity
1830-1900	Possible meeting between Ministerial Office staff, Canberra staff and Geneva-WTO staff to confirm outcomes from meetings Location: Promenade Apartment Accompanied by: Ms Piggott
1930-2130	Dinner with Mr Bob Zoellick, President World Bank Venue: TBA Accompanied by: Mr Green

Sunday 30 January

	Program details to be advised
1500	Depart Davos by vehicle (2-3 hours driving time depending on weather conditions)
TBA	Arrive Zurich
1800	Depart Zurich – Turkish Air 1910
2150	Arrive Istanbul
	Optional dinner by the Bosphorus
	OR
	Transfer directly to hotel

Monday 31 January

Early AM	Guided walking tour of Blue Mosque, Hagia Sofia (Sultanahmet)
AM	Possible meeting with Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew
	Possible meeting with three prominent Turkish intellectuals: Can Paker (TESEV think-tank), Soli Ozel (journalist), Kemal Kirisci (academic, Bogazaci University)
1200	Possible lunch with Turkey's key business representative group, TUSIAD
PM	Possible speech and Q&A at Global Relations Forum (G20 issues)

	Possible guided visit of the archaeological Chora Church in Istanbul
1700	Depart Istanbul – Turkish Air TK2166
1805	Arrive Ankara

Tuesday 1 February

	Time for Australian-based business
0900	Visit to Anitkabir, lay wreath, visit Ataturk's belongings in the Gallipoli section
TBA	Possible meeting with Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan
TBA	Possible meeting with Deputy Prime Minister Ali Babacan
1200	Panel discussion with Foreign Minister Prof Ahmet Davutoglu at USAK think-tank in Ankara. Possible issues G20, bilateral issues, ISAF, Afghanistan, Iraq Followed by signing of the Joint Action Plan and other announceables as appropriate.
TBA	Light lunch and guided tour of Museum of Anatolian Civilizations
1530	Possible meeting with HE Serdar Kilic, President of the National Security Council or Mr Hikmet Cetin, former Senior Representative for Afghanistan.
TBA	Possible media interview with CNN Turk or NTV
1715	Transfer to airport
1815	Depart Ankara – Turkish Air TK2163
1920	Arrive Istanbul
2120	Depart Istanbul – Olympic Air OA320
2240	Arrive Athens Met by Mr Jeremy Newman, Ambassador. Transfer to hotel (approximately 45 minutes)

Wednesday 2 February

0700	Time for Australian-based business (cable and media summary delivery)
0815	Briefing with HOM

0835	Breakfast meeting with Deputy Foreign Minister for Greeks Abroad Dollis (TBC)
1030	Meeting with Prime Minister Papandreou (TBC)
1130	Bilateral meeting with Foreign Minister Droutsas
1230	Lunch hosted by Foreign Minister Droutsas
1430	Visit to New Acropolis Museum. VIP tour, accompanied by Stavros Paspalas (TBC), Deputy Director Australian Archaeological Institute at Athens
PM	Program details to be advised

Thursday 3 February

0630	Depart Athens – Swiss Air LX1843
0825	Arrive Zurich
TBA	Depart Zurich by vehicle
TBA	Arrive Vaduz
1100	Meeting with Liechtenstein Foreign Minister Dr Frick
TBA	Lunch with Liechtenstein Foreign Minister Dr Frick
	Possible signing of Tax Information Exchange Agreement with Dr Frick
TBA	Possible call on the Crown Prince of Liechtenstein, Prince Alois (who has been acting as head of state on behalf of his father since 2004)
TBA	Possible call on Hilti (a Liechtenstein company with an Australian subsidiary based in Adelaide since 1960)
TBA	Depart Vaduz by vehicle
TBA	Arrive Munich
	Accommodation in Munich at the s37(1)(c) [redacted] s37(1)(c) [redacted]

Friday 4 February

AM	Possible Breakfast meeting with Australian Business Community followed by business appointment or cultural related activity in Munich
1500	Opening of Munich Security Conference

Saturday 5 February

All day	Attendance at Munich Security Conference and bilateral meetings
2150	Depart Munich – Thai Air TG925

Sunday 6 February

1425	Arrive Bangkok
1705	Depart Bangkok – British Air BA9

Monday 7 February

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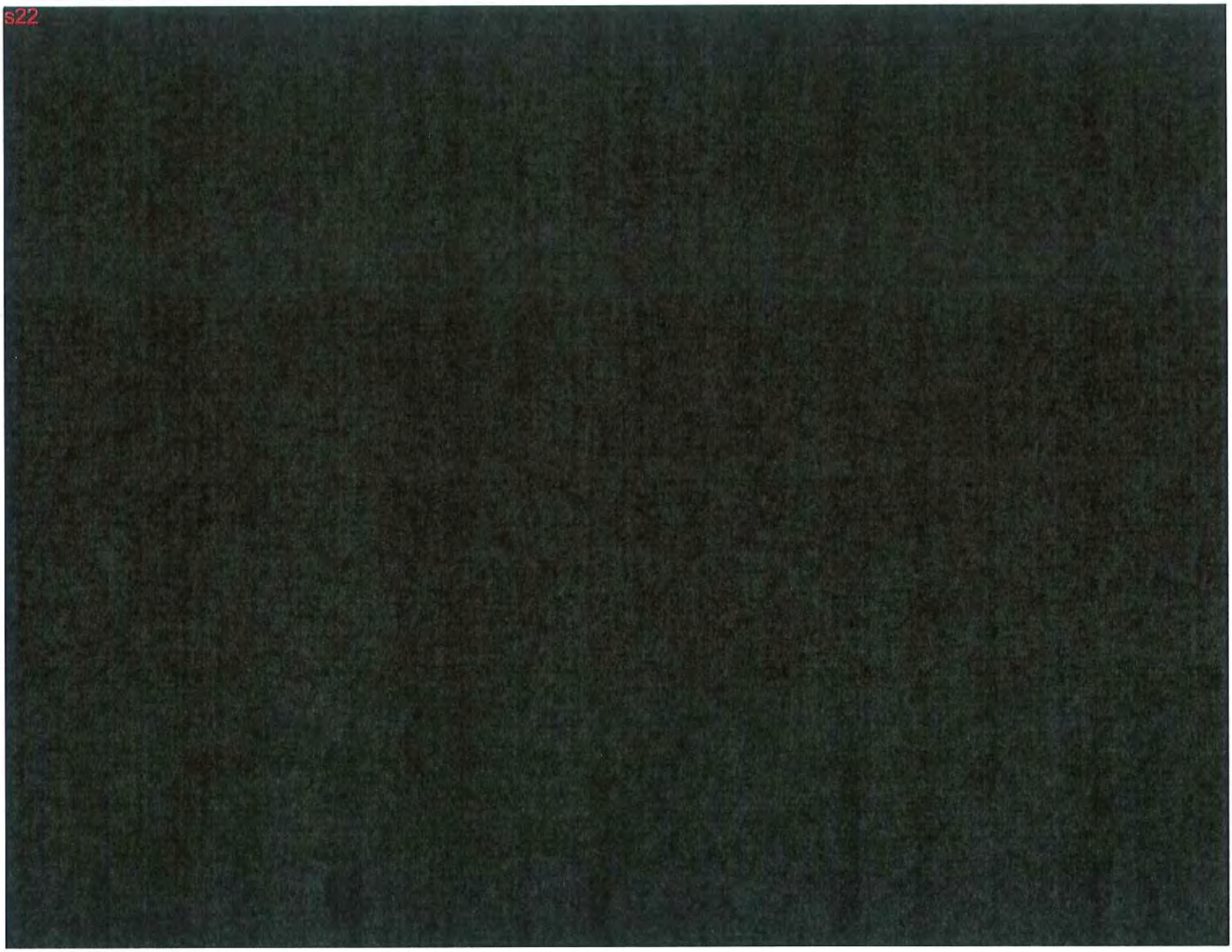

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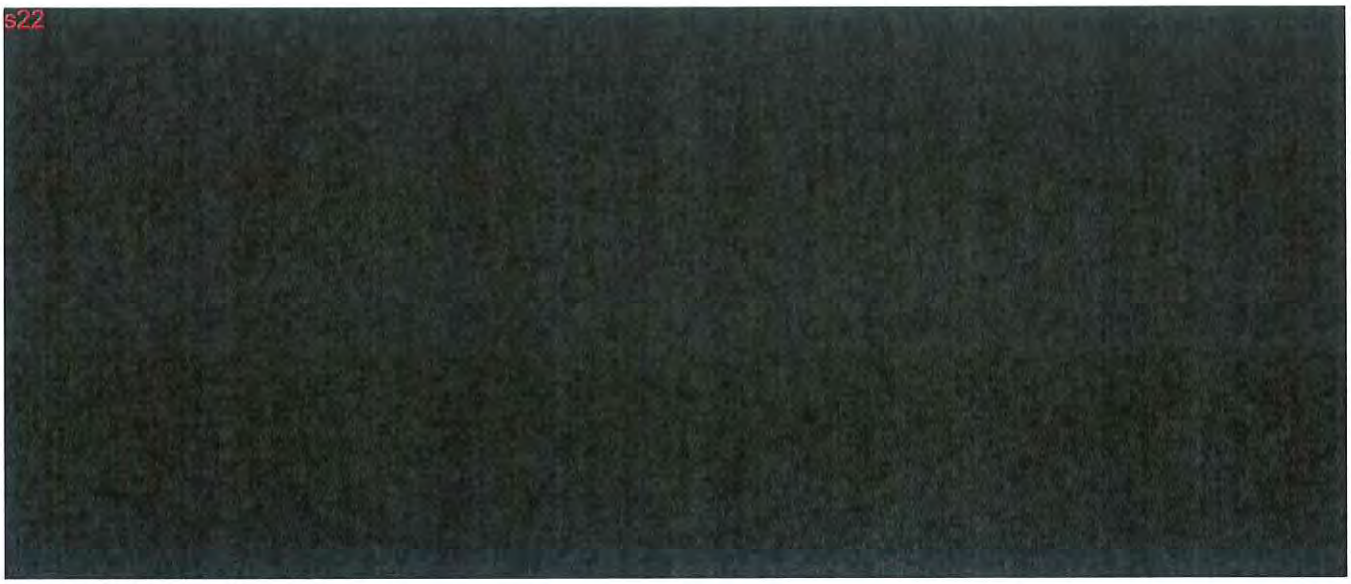

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George, we have decided against the Frankfurt plan. Thanks again for your prompt assistance. P

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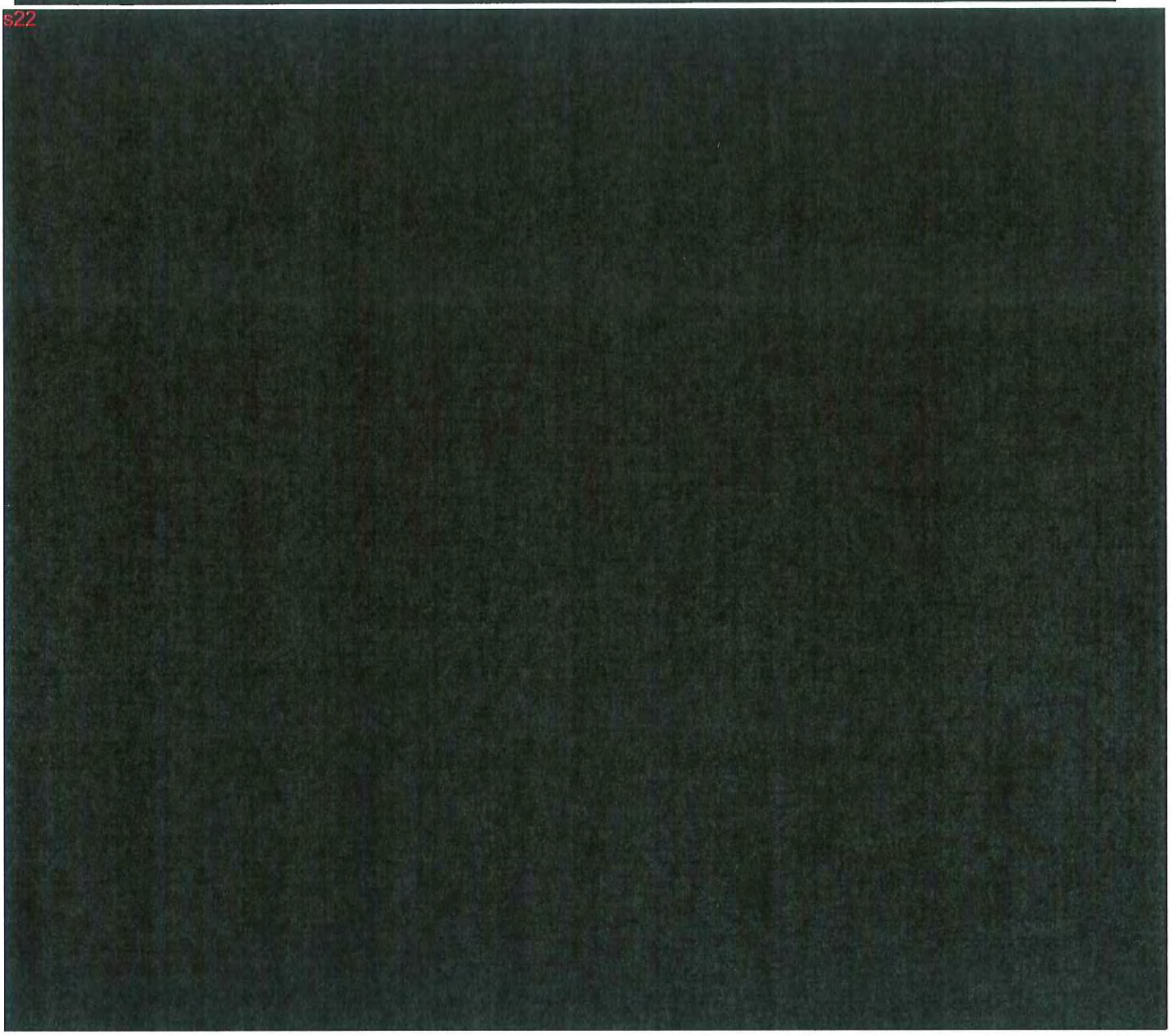

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CANBERRA

Reference: B11/128

Mr Philip Green
Chief of Staff to the Minister for Foreign Affairs
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

21 JAN 2011

Dear ~~Mr Green~~ Philip

I refer to your letter received 19 January 2011 seeking approval for the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Hon Kevin Rudd MP to travel to Ethiopia, Switzerland, Turkey, Greece, Liechtenstein and Germany.

Mr Rudd's travel from 24 January 2011 to 7 February 2011, accompanied by you and Ms Kate Sieper, Press Secretary, has been approved. It is noted that the estimated cost of the visit is $106,629.

It has been agreed that the Attorney-General, the Hon Robert McClelland MP, will act as the Minister for Foreign Affairs during Mr Rudd's absence overseas.

As Mr McClelland has not been sworn to administer the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, it will be necessary to ensure that he is properly authorised to exercise Mr Rudd's statutory powers and functions while he is absent.

A copy of this letter has been forwarded to Mr McClelland's office for information.

Yours sincerely

Tom Bentley
Acting Chief of Staff