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Reference: B11/638

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

25 MAR 2011

Dear Mr Green

I refer to your request of 25 March 2011 seeking a variation to travel by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Hon Kevin Rudd MP to incorporate a visit to Singapore to undertake a series of high-level meetings following his visit to Indonesia.

Mr Rudd's travel has been approved from 28 to 31 March 2011. Approval has also been given for Mr Rudd to invite the Indonesian Foreign Minister, Dr Natalegawa, to accompany him from Jakarta to Bali on the Special Purpose Aircraft.

Approval has also been given for Mr Rudd to visit Singapore following his visit to Indonesia, although commercial flight options should be pursued for this leg of the travel. Revised costings should be forwarded to this office as soon as the details become available.

A copy of this letter has been forwarded to Dr Emerson's office for information.

Yours sincerely

Ben Hubbard
Chief of Staff

Klammer, Sue

From: Patrick, Steven
Sent: Wednesday, 23 March 2011 9:09 AM
To: mps.overseas@finance.gov.au; Ministerial Travel; Diana Nelson
Cc: 'Andrew.Hodges@dfat.gov.au'
Subject: B11/638 [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Attachments: B11_638 Rudd.pdf

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As attached.

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22 MAR 2011

Dear Mr Green

I refer to correspondence dated 17 March 2011 seeking approval for the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Hon Kevin Rudd MP, to travel to Indonesia to co-chair the Fourth Bali Process Ministerial Conference on People Smuggling, Trafficking in Persons and Related Transnational Crime.

Mr Rudd's travel from 29 to 30 March 2011, accompanied by you and Ms Kate Sieper, Media Adviser, has been approved. Approval has also been given for the use of Special Purpose Aircraft (SPA), subject to availability. It is noted that the estimated cost of the visit is $48,608, including the cost of SPA.

It is further noted that the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, the Hon Chris Bowen MP, has been invited to accompany Mr Rudd on the Special Purpose Aircraft should Mr Bowen's schedule of meetings permit.

It has been agreed that the Minister for Trade, the Hon Dr Craig Emerson MP, will act as the Minister for Foreign Affairs during Mr Rudd's absence overseas.

A copy of this letter has been forwarded to Dr Emerson's office for information.

Yours sincerely

Ben Hubbard
Chief of Staff

Klammer, Sue

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From: Philip.Green@dfat.gov.au [mailto:Philip.Green@dfat.gov.au]
Sent: Friday, 25 March 2011 2:14 PM
To: Thompson, George
Cc: ashley.midalia@immi.gov.au; Jess.Bukowski@dfat.gov.au; Diana Nelson
Subject: Mr Rudd's and Mr Bowen's visit to Indonesia [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Dear George

Further to our telephone conversation, we are seeking your approval for further use of the special purpose aircraft for the Ministers' visit to Indonesia. Two things have changed since the initial request to the PMO on this matter:

- The Indonesian Foreign Minister has sought and received approval from his President hto receive Mr Rudd on the morning of 29 March. (We had indicated that our strong preference was for this to happen on 30 March, but this has not proved possible).
- Given that Mr Rudd no longer has an obligation ni Perth in the morning of 31 March, it would be possible (SPA logistics allowing) to use the aircraft to make a short visit to Singapore to see his counterpart. s33 s33 [redacted] (no senior minister has gone there in teh term of the Gillard Government, and there is important business to be done on EAS in particular.)

In view of these factors, we are seeking the SPA to :

- carry the Ministers from Canberra to Jakarta after cbinet on 28 March to Jakarta
- carry the Ministers, and Foreign Minister Natalegawa from Jakarta to Bali at around 1300 on 29 March s33 s33 [redacted]
- carry Mr Rudd from Bali to Singapore, departing at about 1630 on 30 March
- carry Mr Rudd from Singapore to Perth, in time for Mr Rudd to be in Perth by 11am on 31 March (he has a meeting with the Premier).

I understand that there may be limitations on what the SPA may be able to do. In that case, the Singapore leg could be dispensed with, and replaced by a flight from Bali to Perth on the evening of 30 March (though of course that

would be unfortunate). It would also be possible to dispense, if truly necessary, with the flight from Jakarta to Bali; though that would be very unfortunate, s33
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I would be grateful for your consideration of this request. Please call me if you want to discuss.

Philip

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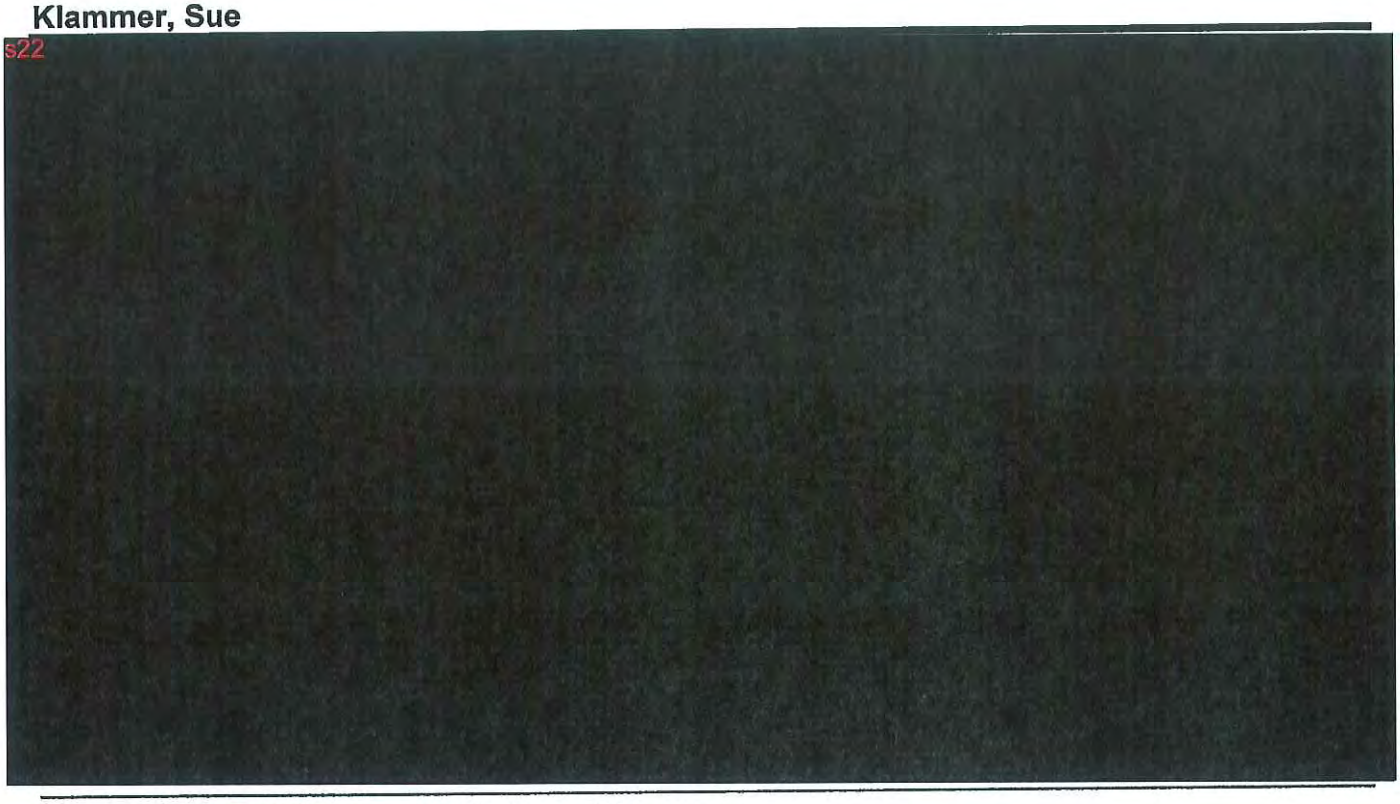

From: Philip.Green@dfat.gov.au <Philip.Green@dfat.gov.au>
To: Philip Green
Cc: Thompson, George; Rebecca Barton new work. <rebecca.barton@dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Fri Mar 25 18:03:37 2011
Subject: Re: Travel [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

George

From discussions the squadron have had with other members of staff here, it appears:

- RAAF can do Canberra Jakarta
- They might or might not be able to do Jakarta- Bali
- They cant do the Singapoer leg
- They can do Bali-Perth (depature around 1700 30/3)

From our side, we of course gratefully accept what they can and cant do.

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25/03/2011 05:49 PM

To "Thompson, George" <George.Thompson@pm.gov.au>
cc

Subject Re: Travel [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]Link

George

I have only made one request, to you. I have forwarded that request also to MinDef's office (Greg Wilcock) in the hope that, in your absence on flight, they might be able to progress it.

[redacted]

(Diary staff have had discussinos with the squadron - led by the squadron - on the difficulties they might have in delivering on our request. But, awaiting a full response from you, we have not made any alterations to our plans.)

But I would like to talk about this with you, for other reasons.

Philip

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s47F [redacted]

"Thompson, George" <George.Thompson@pm.gov.au>

25/03/2011 05:34 PM

To Philip Green <Philip.Green@dfat.gov.au>
cc
Subject Travel [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Philip - what are your latest travel proposals? [redacted] around PM+C, Finance and 34 Sqdn at the moment and I am not sure precisely what approval is being sought from us.
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