



THE HON KEVIN RUDD MP

MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
CANBERRA

19 APR 2011

Mr Ben Hubbard
Chief of Staff
Office of the Prime Minister
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Hubbard

Ben,

I am writing to seek the Prime Minister's approval for Mr Rudd to travel to France (Paris and Villers Bretonneux), the United Kingdom (London), Belgium (Brussels), Germany (Berlin), the United States of America (Washington), Saint Kitts and Nevis (Basseterre) and the Solomon Islands (Honiara). Mr Rudd proposes to depart Australia on the evening of Saturday 23 April and return to Australia on the evening of Sunday 8 May 2011.

The principal reason for Mr Rudd's travel to France is to officiate as Australia's senior representative at ANZAC day commemorations at Villers-Bretonneux and Bullecourt, sites of First World War battles in which Australian troops played a major role. Approximately 4,000 Australians are expected to attend these events. In Paris Mr Rudd is planning to meet the recently-appointed French Foreign Minister, Alain Juppé. Key issues to be addressed in those discussions include developments in Libya, in which France is playing a leading role, unrest across the broader Middle East, cooperation with France in the Pacific, Afghanistan/Pakistan and pressing nuclear non-proliferation issues, including the Iranian nuclear program. Mr Rudd will also seek French support for our proposed framework treaty with the EU.

Another priority for the visit, given the French presidency of the G20 and G8 this year, will be advancing Australian interests on the G20 agenda. To this end Mr Rudd proposes to meet the French Finance Minister, the Secretary-General of the Elysée and the French G20 Sherpa. Other proposed engagements include a meeting with the Secretary-General of the Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie, Abdou Diouf, [REDACTED] and a speech on G20 issues at the European American Press Club.

The focus of Mr Rudd's visit to the UK will be the Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group (CMAG) meetings in London, from 27 to 28 April. Mr Rudd will press other Ministers in the group to finalise an ambitious set of reform recommendations to make CMAG more proactive and effective in its role as custodian of Commonwealth values. The CMAG report will be considered by Leaders at the Perth CHOGM. Mr Rudd will also urge CMAG to maintain its stance on Fiji's suspension from the Commonwealth.

Mr Rudd will also have separate consultations with his UK counterpart, William Hague. In addition to the CHOGM agenda, key issues for discussion at that meeting include Libya and the Middle East, Australia-UK cooperation on security issues following the AUKMIN III consultations in January, strategy for Afghanistan/Pakistan, and Iran. Mr Rudd will also seek UK support for our proposed framework treaty with the EU.

Mr Rudd will visit Brussels from 28 to 29 April for meetings with senior officials and representatives from the EU and NATO. He will meet the President of the European Council Herman Van Rompuy to discuss progress on the Prime Minister's proposal for a treaty-level bilateral Framework Agreement between Australia and the EU and to exchange views on global issues of shared concern. Subject to confirmation by NATO, Mr Rudd will meet NATO Deputy Secretary General Bisogniero and address the North Atlantic Council. He will discuss implementation of NATO's Strategic Concept and Australia's role as a key operational partner.

The focus of Mr Rudd's visit to Berlin from 29 to 30 April will be his participation in the second ministerial meeting of the Australian and Japanese-led cross-regional Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Initiative (NPDI) and a bilateral meeting with Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle. The NPDI was established in July 2010 to take forward the consensus outcomes of the May 2010 Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) Review Conference. Mr Rudd's participation will advance Australia's substantial nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation agenda, including on high-priority issues such as commencement of negotiations for a Fissile Material Cut-off Treaty and transparency in nuclear disarmament. Mr Rudd will also take the opportunity to meet with Foreign Minister Westerwelle, with whom he will raise cooperation on counter-terrorism, the Middle East, Afghanistan/Pakistan, Iran, environmental issues, Australia's proposed framework treaty with the EU and the program and objectives for Mr Westerwelle's forthcoming visit to Australia (31 May to 2 June).

The principal focus for Mr Rudd's visit to Washington is to meet with a range of US decision-makers, including Secretary Clinton, to consolidate our shared agenda discussed when she visited Melbourne in November last year. The United States is Australia's key strategic partner and Mr Rudd's visit takes place at a time of great strength and growth in the Australia-US Alliance, which rests on a broad and enduring community of interests and values. Mr Rudd will pursue the government's agenda on key global and regional challenges, and strategic dynamics including transformations in the Asia-Pacific, strengthening regional architecture and the global economy.

Mr Rudd's visit to St Kitts and Nevis will provide the opportunity to address the 14th ministerial level meeting of the Caribbean Community's (CARICOM) Council for Foreign and Community Relations (COFCOR) and to meet with his foreign minister counterparts. The focus of his address and meetings will be to highlight Australia's engagement with the region following the November 2009 signing of an MOU formally establishing relations with CARICOM and, in particular, the progress of the implementation of Australia's development assistance package (A\$60M over 4 years).

In the Solomon Islands (Honiara) Mr Rudd will engage Prime Minister Philip on bilateral and regional issues, including Fiji. Mr Rudd will also reinforce Australia's message that the Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands (RAMSI) will not be in place permanently and that Solomon Islands needs to start preparing for the mission's eventual departure. Australia's investment in Solomon Islands is considerable: we will be providing around \$225 million in development assistance in 2010-11.

It is proposed that Mr Rudd be accompanied by Ms Ranya Alkadamani, Media Adviser and myself for the visit. I would be grateful for your approval for Mr Rudd to be accompanied by two advisers on all legs of the visit on this occasion given the breadth of issues to be covered.

Given Mr Rudd's schedule and the fact that commercial airline options are not feasible in relation to the timing of the visit to Honiara, it is proposed that travel from Los Angeles to Honiara and the return flight to Canberra be by RAAF Special Purpose Aircraft (SPA).

I confirm that the most cost effective arrangements have been sought for the proposed commercial 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.

I note that the letter of 20 December 2010 from Ms Amanda Lampe, former Chief of Staff, Office of the Prime Minister advised that the Prime Minister had given in-principle approval for Mr Rudd to travel to Germany (visit number 7), the United Kingdom and France (visit number 11), the United States (visit number 16), Saint Kitts and Nevis (visit number 14) and the Solomon Islands (visit number 12).

The Hon Dr Craig Emerson MP will be available to act as Minister for Foreign Affairs from the evening of Saturday 23 April and to the morning of Sunday 8 May 2011.

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 FRANCE, THE UNITED KINGDOM, BELGIUM,
GERMANY, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS
AND THE SOLOMON ISLANDS****23 APRIL TO 8 MAY 2011****ITINERARY**

Local time	Saturday 23 April
2045	Depart Brisbane on Emirates EK 435 – First, 14hrs 40mins
	Sunday 24 April
0525	Arrive Dubai – transit 2hrs 55mins
0820	Depart Dubai on Emirates EK73 – First, 7hrs 10mins
1330	Arrive Paris
	Wednesday 27 April
1513	Depart Gare du Nord, Paris on Eurostar Train 9039 – Business, 2hrs 23mins
1637	Arrive St Pancras Station, London
	Thursday 28 April
1434	Depart St Pancras Station, London on Eurostar – Business Premium 1hr 59mins
1733	Arrive Brussels
	Friday 29 April
1155	Depart Brussels on Lufthansa LH5573 – Business 1hr 25mins
1320	Arrive Berlin
	Sunday 1 May
0840	Depart Berlin on Lufthansa LH177 – Business 1hr 10mins
0950	Arrive Frankfurt – transit 1hr 10mins
1100	Depart Frankfurt on Lufthansa LH9290 – Business 9hr 1mins
1401	Arrive Washington
	Wednesday 4 May
0730	Depart Washington on American Airlines AA1269 – Business, 2hrs 40mins

1010	Arrive Miami – transit 55mins
1105	Depart Miami on American Airlines AA2299 - Business, 2hrs 55mins
1400	Arrive St Kitts and Nevis
	Thursday 5 May
1505	Depart St Kitts and Nevis on American Airlines AA2530 – Business, 3hrs 25mins
1830	Arrive Miami – transit 55mins
2100	Depart Miami on American Airlines AA1125 – First, 5hr 50mins
2350	Arrive Los Angeles
	Friday 6 May
TBA	Depart Los Angeles on SPA flight
	Saturday 7 May
TBA	Arrive Honiara
	Sunday 8 May
TBA	Depart Honiara
TBA	Arrive Canberra

ATTACHMENT B

VISIT BY MR RUDD TO FRANCE, THE UNITED KINGDOM, BELGIUM, GERMANY, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS AND THE SOLOMON ISLANDS

23 APRIL TO 8 MAY 2011

COST ESTIMATES

ITEM	ESTIMATE (AUD)
Air Fares	
Mr Rudd (First and Business class)	
Mr Green (Business class)	\$19,300
Ms Alkadamani (Business class)	\$15,800
	\$15,800
Eurostar	
Mr Rudd, Mr Green and Ms Alkadamani (Business premier class)	\$2,521
Accommodation^	
Mr Rudd	
s37(1)(c) Amiens (one night)	\$407 (Cathedrale suite)
s37(1)(c) Paris (two nights)	Nil
s37(1)(c) London (one night)	Nil
s37(1)(c) Brussels (one night)	Nil
s37(1)(c) Berlin (two nights)	\$2,464 (Junior suite)
s37(1)(c) Washington (three nights)	\$2,827 (Executive suite)
s37(1)(c) (one night)	\$404 (Royal ocean suite)
s37(1)(c) Honiara (one night)	\$232 (Room)
Mr Green	
s37(1)(c) Amiens (one night)	\$218 (Privelege room)
s37(1)(c) Paris (two nights)	Nil
s37(1)(c) London (one night)	Nil
s37(1)(c) Brussels (one night)	Nil
s37(1)(c) Berlin (two nights)	\$648 (Deluxe superior room)
s37(1)(c) Washington (three nights)	\$1,280 (Deluxe room)
s37(1)(c) (one night)	\$225 (Guest room)
s37(1)(c) Honiara (one night)	\$232 (Room)
Ms Alkadamani	
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s37(1)(c) London (one night)	Nil
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^approx cost advised by post, some early check-in and late check-out fees not included

ITEM	ESTIMATE (AUD)
Meals and incidentals	
Mr Rudd	\$3,161
Mr Green	\$2,246
Ms Alkadamani	\$2,246
Transport	\$1,600
Hospitality	\$ 5,000*
Mr Rudd	*Please note this amount is a contingency. No non-portfolio hospitality anticipated at this stage
TOTAL	\$79,214

ATTACHMENT C

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23 APRIL TO 8 MAY 2011

DRAFT PROGRAM

Saturday 23 April

2045 Depart Brisbane on Emirates EK 435 – First, 14hrs 40mins

Sunday 24 April

0525 Arrive Dubai – transit 2hrs 55mins

0820 Depart Dubai on Emirates EK73 – First, 7hrs 10mins

1330 Arrive Paris

1415 Transfer by car (accompanied by Ambassador) to

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1615 Arrive Amiens
Possible Tour of Cathedral

1900 Reception for Australian team

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Monday 25 April

0330 Wake-up call

0400 Light breakfast served in hotel foyer

0430 Depart hotel in official convoy for Australian National Memorial (ANM) at
Villers-Bretonneux

0515 Arrive ANM and take seats for Dawn Service

0530-0630 Anzac Day Dawn Service

- 0630-0700 Opportunity to meet French and Australian officials and members of the public
- 0700-0720 Doorstop with Australian and French media
- 0720 Transfer by car to Villers-Bretonneux
- 0730-0830 Breakfast with French and Australian representatives at Villers-Bretonneux Town Hall
- 0830-0850 Wreath-laying ceremony at the French Memorial in town of Villers-Bretonneux
- 0900-030 Presentation of the Sadlier-Stokes scholarship followed by commemorative concert
- 1045 Depart Villers-Bretonneux for Bapaume
- 1130-315 Informal lunch at Restaurant 'La Paix', Bapaume
- 1315 Depart Bapaume for the Cross Memorial, outside Bullecourt
- 1330-340 Wreath-laying ceremony at the Cross Memorial
- 1400-1445 Anzac Day service at the Commonwealth and French Monuments, Bullecourt
- 1445 Walk in procession to the Australian "Digger" Memorial, outside Bullecourt
- 1500-1545 Anzac Day wreath-laying service at the "Digger" Memorial
- 1545 Walk back to Bullecourt
- 1600-1630 Refreshments with French and Australian officials and members of the public
- 1630 Depart Bullecourt for Paris by car
- 1830 Arrive Paris
- 1930-2100 Casual dinner or time for Australian-based business

Tuesday 26 April

- 0830-1000 Breakfast meeting on developments in the Arab world with commentators (François Heisbourg (confirmed); Dominique Moïsi (tbc))
- 1200-1230 Meeting with Mr Abdou Diouf, Secretary-General of the International Organization of the Francophonie
- 1300-1500 Lunch with Mr Jean-David Levitte, Sherpa and Diplomatic Advisor, Mr Olivier Colom, Advisor for G8 and G20 and Mr Bertrand Lortholary, Asia Pacific Advisor, at HOM's residence

1815 Meeting with Ms Christine Lagarde, French Finance Minister at French Ministry of Economy, Finance and Industry

2045 Dinner hosted by Mr Alain Juppé, French Foreign Minister at French Foreign Ministry

Wednesday 27 April

0830-1000 Media event at the European American Press Club

1130-1200 Meeting with Mr Xavier Musca, Secretary-General at Elysée Palace (and Mr Christian Masset, G20 Deputy-Sherpa TBC)

1445 (TBC) Check-in for Eurostar

1513 Depart Gare du Nord, Paris on Eurostar Train 9039 – Business, 2hrs 23mins

1637 Arrive St Pancras Station, London
Met by Ms Heidi Venamore, Head, Political Branch & Ms Emma Williams, Visit Co-ordinator

tbc Discussions with the Rt Hon Ed Miliband MP, Leader of the Opposition

1725 Arrive Foreign & Commonwealth Office
Met by the High Commissioner

1730 Discussions with the Rt Hon William Hague MP, Secretary of State for Foreign & Commonwealth Affairs

1815 Leave FCO

1900 for Arrive The Garden House, 40B Hill Street, W1
1930 Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group working dinner hosted by HE Mr Kamalesh Sharma, Commonwealth Secretary General

After dinner bilateral discussions with Commonwealth Secretary General

Return to ^{s37} [REDACTED]

Thursday 28 April

0800 Breakfast with the Rt Hon Gordon Brown, Former Prime Minister accompanied by Ms Kirsty McNeill

0900 Mr Brown leaves ^{s37} [REDACTED]

0925 Mr Rudd, Mr Green & Mr Sloper leave ^{s37} [REDACTED]

0945	Arrive Commonwealth Secretariat, Marlborough House, Pall Mall Met by Ms Rachael Cooper, First Secretary or Mr Duncan Howitt, Executive Officer, Political Branch Proceed to the Blenheim Saloon - Registration and coffee
1000	CMAG meeting First Session
1115	Coffee break
1130	Second Session
1300	CMAG concludes
1434	Depart St Pancras Station, London on Eurostar – Business Premium 1hr 59mins
1733	Arrive Brussels

Friday 29 April

TBC	Meet with NATO Deputy Secretary General Bisogniero
TBC	Address the North Atlantic Council
TBC	Meet the President of the European Council Herman Van Rompuy
1155	Depart Brussels on Lufthansa LH5573 – Business 1hr 25mins
1320	Arrive Berlin

Saturday 30 April

0900-1000	Meeting with HE Dr Guido Westerwelle Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs Venue: TBA
1100-1300	Second Ministerial Meeting of the Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Initiative (NPDI)
1300-1500	NPDI Working Lunch
1500-1530	NPDI Press Conference

Sunday 1 May

0840	Depart Berlin on Lufthansa LH177 – Business 1hr 10min
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0950 Arrive Frankfurt – transit 1hr 10mins
 1100 Depart Frankfurt on Lufthansa LH9290 – Business 9hr 1mins
 1401 Arrive Washington

Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 May

TBC Proposed meetings with the following:
 Vice President Biden
 Secretary of State Clinton
 Secretary for Defence Gates
 Director of National Intelligence Clapper
 National Security Adviser Donilon
 CIA Director Panetta
 Senator McCain
 Speaker Boehner (R, Ohio)
 Chairwoman Ros-Lehtinen (Chair of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, R, Florida)
 Senator Kerry (D, Mass, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee)
 Mr William Burns, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs
 Mr Jeffrey Bader, Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for East Asian Affairs at the NSC.
 Mr Kurt Campbell, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs
 Mr Bob Zoellick, Director-General of the World Bank
 Dominique Strauss-Kahn, Managing Director of the IMF
 Mr Michael Froman, Deputy National Security Adviser, International Economic Affairs

TBC Possible speech at the School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University, Washington DC

Wednesday 4 May

0730 Depart Washington on American Airlines AA1269 – Business, 2hrs 40mins
 1010 Arrive Miami – transit 55mins
 1105 Depart Miami on American Airlines AA2299-Business, 2hrs 55min
 1400 Arrive St Kitts and Nevis
 TBC Attend CARICOM COFCOR
 TBC Bilateral meetings

Thursday 5 May

TBC	Attend CARICOM COFCOR
TBC	Bilateral meetings
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Saturday 7 May

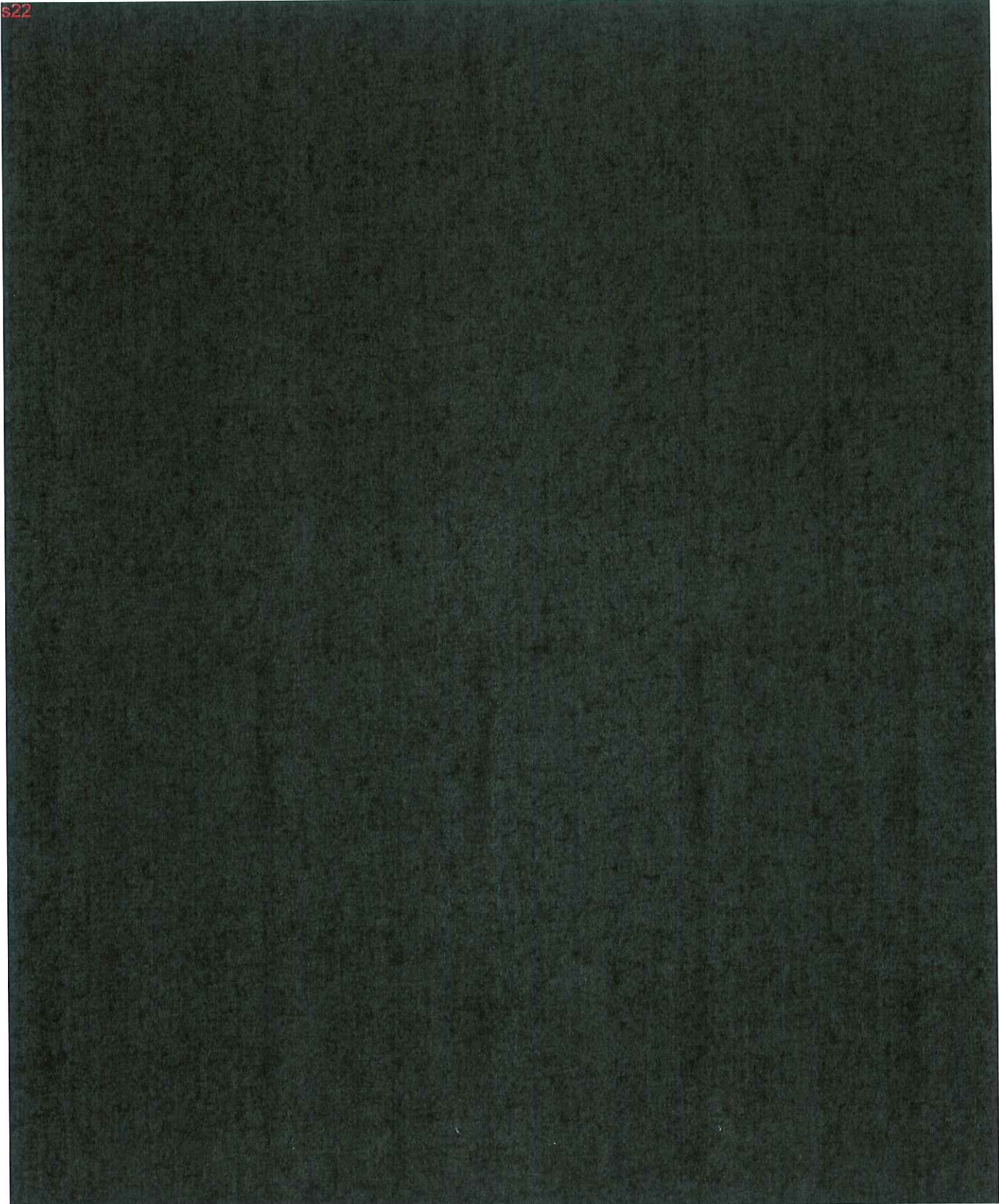
TBA	Arrive Honiara
TBA	Bilateral meetings to be advised

Sunday 8 May

TBA	Bilateral meetings to be advised
TBA	Depart Honiara – SPA flight
TBA	Arrive Canberra

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----- Original Message -----

From: Philip.Green@dfat.gov.au <Philip.Green@dfat.gov.au>
To: Thompson, George
Cc: Hubbard, Ben; Bernadette Smith <bernadette.smith@dfat.gov.au>
Sent: Sat Apr 23 09:47:31 2011
Subject: Re: KR travel to Israel [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

Sorry, this time with George's email right.

----- Original Message -----

From: Philip Green
Sent: 23/04/2011 09:45 AM ZE10
To: george.thompson@dfat.gov.au
Cc: ben.hubbard@pm.gov.au; Bernadette Smith
Subject: KR travel to Israel [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

George, thanks very much for PMO approval for KR's travel. I need to come back to you with a couple of proposed alterations.

First, KR has been asked by ^{s33} to see him in Israel ^{s33}
^{s33} KR would
propose to do that instead of the visit to Brussels on 28-29 April.

Second, in view of the absence of a VIP to do Honiara, we will need to
think through what is possible - ^{s33}
^{s33}

Could I have your approval to travel to Israel rather than Belgium please?

I'll ask Bernadette to get you the actual flights for your reference.

Philip

From: Bernadette.Smith@dfat.gov.au [mailto:Bernadette.Smith@dfat.gov.au]
Sent: Friday, 29 April 2011 12:35 PM
To: Thompson, George
Cc: Philip Green; Jess.Bukowski@dfat.gov.au; Peter.Sawczak@dfat.gov.au
Subject: Kevin Rudd's travel [SEC=IN-CONFIDENCE]

Good afternoon George

Please find below further advice on the proposed amendment to Kevin Rudd's travel plans.

The current proposed itinerary using **charter flights** is:

WASHINGTON TO ST KITTS

Tuesday 3 May

1300 Dep Washington AA1287 from DCA
1535 Arr Miami
1725 Dep Miami AA1267
1950 Arr San Juan
TBA Dep San Juan *Via Charter Jet*
2130 Arr St Kitts

Wednesday 4 May

TBA Dep St Kitts *Via Charter Jet*
TBA Arr St Maarten Is
1600 Dep St Maarten Island AF 3515
0610 Arr Paris

Thursday 5 May

0715 Dep Paris AF1204
0920 Arr Rome

possible final flight option to Australia

ROME TO AUSTRALIA

Friday 6 May

1525 Dep Rome EK98

2315 Arr Dubai

Saturday 7 May

0245 Dep Dubai EK432

1240 Arr Brisbane

Charter flight option

For the journey from Washington to St Kitts and onto Paris using the charter option the total would be \$15,566, this includes the charter flight cost of \$9950 plus commercial leg costing for Minister plus two staff.

As outlined by Philip Green the need for the charter option is due to the infrequency of services into and out of St Kitts (main town population 12,000). The charter option allows for the best use of time in both Washington and St Kitts. In addition the below costings indicate that the charter costings save \$2134.

The nature of the aircraft to be used for the charter is still being confirmed. I understand that it is a jet however am awaiting confirmation that this is 2 or more engines. Due to the time difference with Trinidad and Tobago this may not arrive until this afternoon Canberra time.

Alternative itinerary using **commercial flights**:

WASHINGTON TO ST KITTS

Tuesday 3 May

0730 Dep Washington from DCA

1010 Arr Miami

1105 Dep Miami

1400 Arr St Kitts

Wednesday 4 May

1100 Dep St Kitts

1130 Arr St Maarten

1600 Dep St Maarten Island AF 3515

0610 Arr Paris

Thursday 5 May

0715 Dep Paris AF1204

0920 Arr Rome

possible final flight option to Australia

ROME TO AUSTRALIA

Friday 6 May

1525 Dep Rome EK98

2315 Arr Dubai

Saturday 7 May

0245 Dep Dubai EK432

1240 Arr Brisbane

Commercial flights from Washington to St Kitts are \$1,400 per person, commercial flights from St Kitts to Rome are \$4,500 per person, the total cost for the Minister plus his 2 staff on commercial flights would be \$17,700

For ease of reading I have also attached a word document with the flight costings

Kind regards

Bernadette Smith

Office of The Hon Kevin Rudd MP

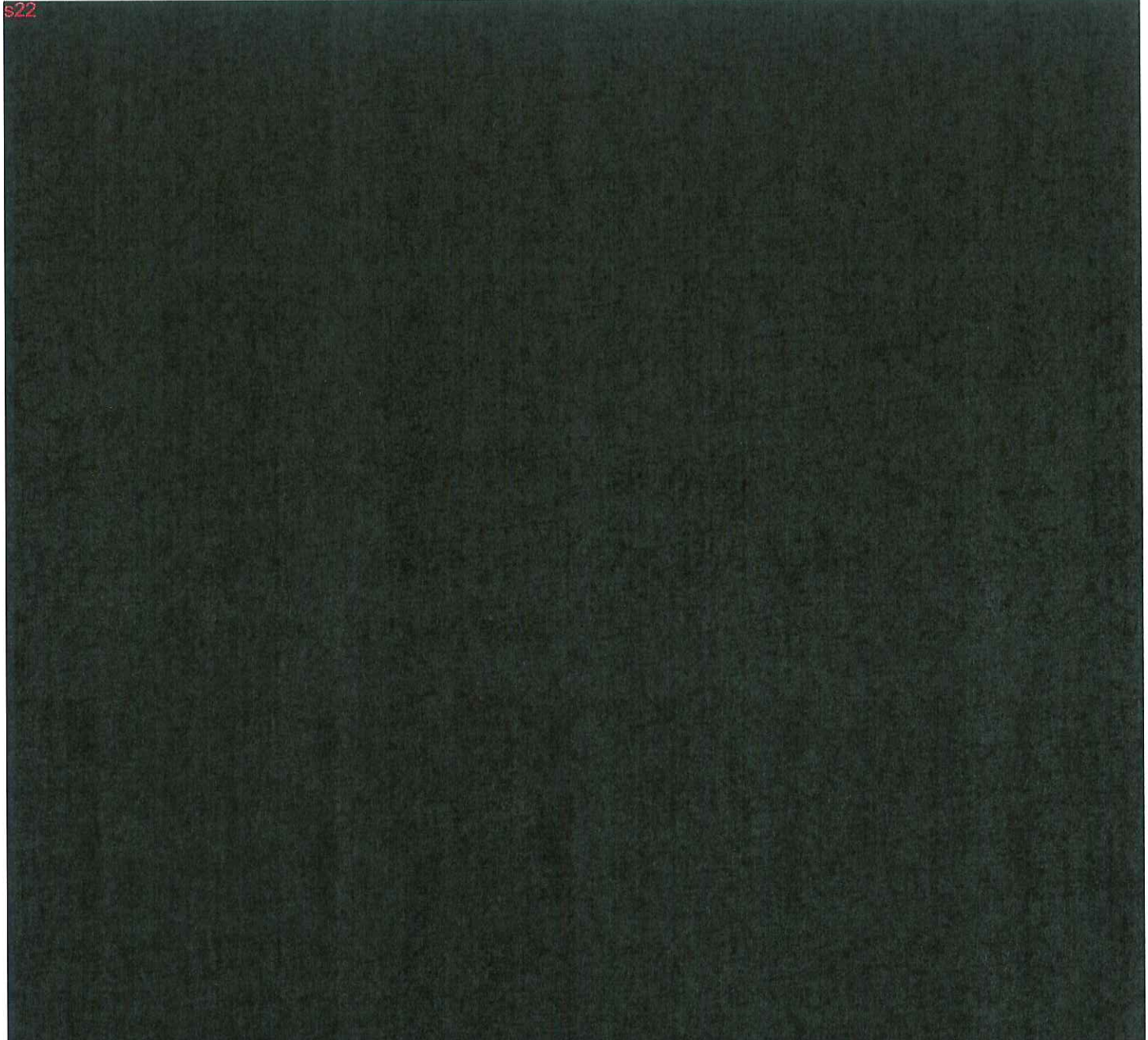
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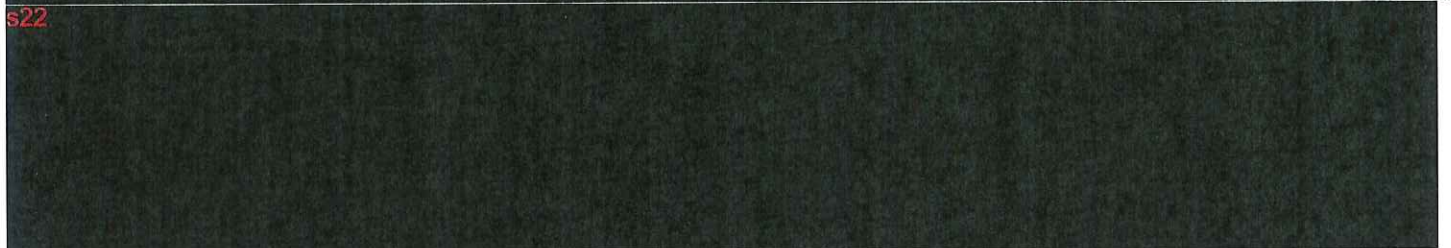
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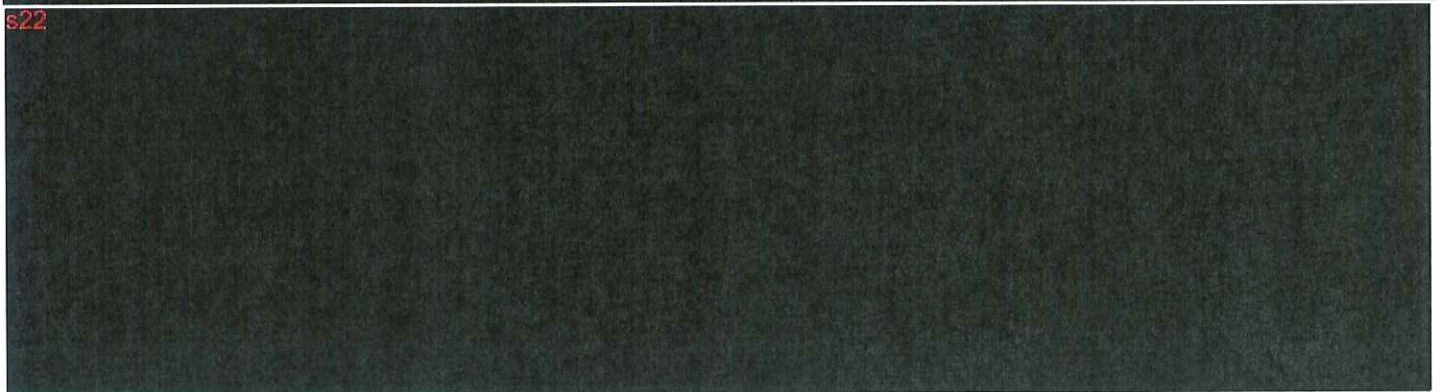
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From: Philip Green ^{s47F}
Sent: Friday, 29 April 2011 9:37 AM
To: Thompson, George; Hubbard, Ben; Bernadette Smith; Maude, Richard; Philip Green; peter sawczak
Subject: Kevin Rudd's travel

Dear George

We now have advice from the Italian Foreign Minister that KR is formally invited as a full participant to the Libya Contact Group meeting in Rome on 5 May. KR proposes to attend. Fitting this into his existing schedule is difficult, but not impossible.

As you may recall, KR is due to visit Washington from 1-3 May and travel to St Kitts for the Caricom meeting, departing on the afternoon of 5 May. This can be rearranged to accommodate the visit to the Contact Group by:

- . leaving Washington earlier (at around 1300 on Tuesday 3 May) and arriving in St Kitts that night.
- . spending the morning and lunch with Caricom Foreign Ministers on 4 May before departing for Rome
- . we have found flights that we could get him to Rome at 0920 on 5 May.
- . we would then return directly to Australia from Rome

This can all be achieved, but not on commercial services only. Because of the infrequency of services into and out of St Kitts (main town population 12,000), we would need to charter an aircraft into and out of St Kitts, using local air hubs in the Caribbean. The total cost of the two charters (in and out of St Kitts) will be in the order of \$9,900 - which will probably be offset to some extent by a lower cost for commercial services for Mr Rudd and party.

Given the importance of the Libya Contact group, and ^{s33}
^{s33} this expenditure (and the other additional travel) is warranted. The Contact Group is leading the international effort to find a solution to the Libyan crisis. In particular, this meeting will consider mechanisms to:

- . avoid a proliferation of peace plans for Libya, so that the Libyans are required to focus on a single response to the crisis.
- . establish a Libya Trust Fund, into which receipts from Libyan oil revenues can be placed, and used to support the administration of the eastern part of Libya
- . the delivery of capacity building for the eastern part of Libya, which suffers from chronically weak civilian administration.

The CARICOM meeting is also important. First, because of the purpose the meeting will serve in bringing Caribbean states on board with our CHOGM strategy, second because of the intense interest this group of countries has on climate change, ^{s33}

I would be grateful if, given these factors, the proposed alterations to Mr Rudd's travel could be approved.

I will ask Bernadette to send you a) the actual itinerary and costs b) what offsets for the charter there are from the reduction in commercial legs and c) the nature of the aircraft proposed to be used for the charter.

Please do not hesitate to ask Bernadette for more information if you require it - I will be asleep for the next few hours.

Kind regards

Philip

Klammer, Sue

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-----Original Message-----

From: Thompson, George

Sent: Friday, 29 April 2011 10:45 PM

To: Patrick, Steven; Martin, Gerard; 'bernadette.smith@dfat.gov.au'

Subject: Fw:

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From: Hubbard, Ben

To: Philip Green

Cc: Thompson, George

Sent: Fri Apr 29 17:24:51 2011

Subject:

Dear Philip

With reference to your email request of 29 April regarding a variation to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Hon Kevin Rudd MP, to attend the Libya Contact Group meeting in Rome on 5 May. The addition of travel to Rome to Mr Rudd's itinerary has been approved, accompanied by yourself and Ms Ranya Alkadamani. Noting that the use of a charter service provides more time on the ground for the Minister in both Washington and St Kitts & Nevis, approval has also been granted for the utilisation of charter flights on this occasion. Charter services should be pursued based on the most cost efficient package option available. I note that the revised indicative cost is \$51,943.

I also note that accommodation costings have not been provided for the Rome component of the travel and remind you that these arrangements should also be appropriately cost efficient.

Ben Hubbard

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