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26th March, 1945.

Dear Mr. Robertson:

In the absence of Colonel Hodgson who is in Washington I am forwarding the following message for the Prime Minister of Canada from Mr. Curtin and shall be glad if you will kindly convey it to Mr. Mackenzie King:

"Australia has been proud and privileged to have been a partner in the British Commonwealth Air Training Scheme which is now terminating. Our men who have been trained there have an indelible mark in operations in every theatre to which they were subsequently posted and their record is one of which this nation is proud. Australia salutes men of our fellow partners who have been trained under the Scheme. The comradeship established by Australians with their fellow-Britishers is something which offers a great hope for peacetime co-operation. The Australian people and Government offers to the Canadian people and Government their warmest thanks for the wonderful hospitality shown to Australia. It will never be forgotten. John Curtin, Prime Minister".

Yours sincerely,

(sgd.) W. Anstey Wynes

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