

The Hon. Foreign Minister,
Parliament House
Canberra. ACT

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Dear Madam, Re the White Paper
I understand the government has
invited submissions for the Foreign Policy
White Paper; herewith is mine.

1. Some years ago the late Malcolm Fraser
expressed the opinion that Australia should
take a step back from our involvement with
the U.S.A. The present situation confirms that
view.

2. President Trump is an aggressive, narcissistic
bully, but it is his unpredictability
that is most dangerous for international
relations etc.

3. His comments could mean a return to the
old Isolationist Monroe Doctrine, or, more like
war with China.

4. Unless the U.S.A. is prepared to recognise
China's growing power in the Western
Pacific, war could well be the outcome
and, despite U.S. military supremacy, her
China could eventually win because of her
oligarchic dictatorship and population size.

5. China has an appalling Human Rights record,
but she has pulled 90 million out of poverty.
6) apart from the 6th conquest of Tibet, she
has no history of invading other countries
(albeit backing Cambodia, Russian-backed Vietnam
and backing North Korea)

7. If it comes to war, Australia should remain
neutral, as Sweden did in WW II (when, ...)

c) ANZUS does not necessarily favour us, eg. Timor

a) the intelligence & technological help we receive from Pine Gap are handled by balanced our blood and self expenditure in Korea, Vietnam, Afghanistan, Iraq — and Pine Gap would doubtless be obliterated were we to side with the U.S.

7. Because our economic future lies with Asia, we should strengthen our ties with Indonesia, India and China.

8. We should increase our aid to the Pacific Islands, and prepare ourselves for migrants from those countries subject to the rising and warming seas caused by climate change

9. We should vehemently protest against Israel's legalising of settlements on Palestine — and back the 2 state solution, backing also the UN recognition of Palestine as a state.

10. Because the UN has no teeth, and because of its WWII veto etc. structure, it should be re-cast as a totally independent, fully representative body located in neutral territory (?) with control over all nuclear power (wishfully, all military power) and a capable representative military force.

11. In short, I want Australia's neutral status to allow for expenditure on a living wage for those replaced by robots, health, education etc. cf. Costa Rica.

Amen

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