



PRIME MINISTER,
CANBERRA.

7th May, 1952.

Dear Mr. Basave,

At the direction of the Prime Minister I am sending you, as requested, an autographed portrait of him.

You ask for his "curriculum vitae".

In a man of Mr. Menzies' breadth of experience it is hard to single out any philosophical principle or proverb by which he lives. But may I quote to you an expression of what I think is the essence of his political creed? :-

"I have a respect for the rights of the top dog," he once said, adding: "There is no foolish doctrine of equality between the active and the idle; the intelligent and the dull; the frugal and the improvident. So I believe firmly in the responsibility of top dogs to toil, as far as possible, in the interests of dogs of all degree."

Again: "Democracy rests upon the view that the people are the rulers, as well as the ruled; the Government has no authority and no privilege beyond that granted by the people themselves; while sovereignty attaches to the Acts of Parliament, that sovereignty derives from the people and from no other source."

Mr. Menzies was brought up to remember always that: "When a thing wants doing, you should do it with all your might!"

Yours sincerely,

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