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M/s Julie Morgan
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Dear M/s Morgan

On behalf of the Prime Minister, I would like to thank you for your correspondence of 27 May 2004 regarding oil and gas reserves in the Timor Sea.

Mr Howard appreciates the time you have taken to convey your views and concerns to him. However, he regrets that due to the large volume of correspondence he receives, he is unable to respond to each item personally. Consequently, and to ensure that issues receive the attention they deserve, Mr Howard has asked that correspondence be referred to his ministers for further consideration. I have referred your correspondence to the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Hon Alexander Downer MP for attention, given that he is responsible for the development of policy on this issue.

Again, thank you for taking the time to write to Mr Howard.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. Downer', written over a horizontal line.

Ministerial Officer
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