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LETTER FROM MRS. J.F. KENNEDY

The Prime Minister has received the following letter from the widow of President Kennedy :

January 31, 1964

"Dear Sir Robert:

My children and I are extremely grateful for the kindness and understanding which you and the people of Australia displayed in the messages and other manifestations of sympathy which we received after the death of my husband. The generosity and openhearted sincerity of Australians, acting individually and in groups, helped to provide us with strength when strength was most needed and remains a memory of friendship unselfishly offered at a time of tragedy.

The people of your country showed they shared with Americans everywhere a feeling of common loss. I know that this realization has also affected large numbers of Americans who have become aware of this selfless spirit of Australian participation in their time of sorrow.

Mr. Prime Minister, I thank you and your fellow citizens for your comforting expressions of sympathy and for showing us so convincingly how close in spirit our people are. Nothing could have pleased my husband more.

Sincerely,

JACQUELINE KENNEDY.

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CANBERRA,
18th February, 1964