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PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGES TO CANADA

The Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Holt, has sent messages to the Prime Minister of Canada Mr. Lester Pearson and the Australian Commissioner-General for Expo '67 Air Marshal Sir Valston Hancock, to mark the opening today of Canada's Centennial Exposition in Montreal.

The texts of the messages are as follows :-

To the Prime Minister of Canada

"On this historic day for Canada, I send to you, on behalf of my Government and the people of Australia, warmest greetings and every good wish for the success of Expo 67.

"We are proud to be associated with your inspiring Centennial Exhibition, we cherish the friendship that has made this possible and we confidently anticipate our two countries will face together challenges that the years may bring to our common interests and those of the Commonwealth of Nations to which we both belong.

"Your first hundred years as an independent nation have been enriched by great achievements, by valour in wars fought in defence of freedom and your dedication to purposes of peace. The exhibition will bear faithful witness to your story and we are glad to be contributing an Australian chapter.

"Montreal today invites the attention of the world; Canada today enjoys the respect of all nations. Sincere congratulations from us all. I look forward with enthusiasm to my own visit in June. Personal regards."

To Sir Valston Hancock

"When Expo 67 opens on Friday I am sure we will have a fine exhibition.

"I am sure, too, that you all will represent Australia with great distinction and with credit to yourselves. Thank you most warmly for everything you have done.

"This is the largest exhibition we have staged overseas and the first of its kind with a broad Australian character. You have done wonderfully well in little time.

"I look forward with very great pleasure to seeing the exhibition on Australia's day and thanking you in person.

"Good luck and best wishes."

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