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VISIT BY THE PRIME MINISTER OF LAOS

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr Harold Holt

I am pleased to announce that Prince Souvanna Phouma, Prime Minister of Laos, has accepted the Government's invitation to visit Australia. He will be accompanied by his daughter, Princess Moune Souvanna Phouma.

The Prime Minister and Princess Moune will arrive in Australia on Tuesday, 31st October, and will remain until Saturday, 11th November. During his stay, Prince Souvanna Phouma will have discussions in Canberra and will visit Sydney, Melbourne and the Snowy Mountains Scheme.

This will be the first visit to Australia by a Laotian Prime Minister and follows closely on my own visit to Laos, the first to that country by an Australian Prime Minister.

I welcome this further contribution that our meeting together will make to a closer relationship with a country which has a growing significance for Australia, and for South-East Asia generally.

CANBERRA,
27th September, 1967