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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT JOHNSON

The Prime Minister, Mr. Holt, has received the following message from President Johnson:-

"A quarter century ago I found out that if you had to be away from home and fighting a war, the best country to be in is Australia. I hear that the first group of our servicemen to come to you from Viet Nam has arrived at the same conclusion.

"I know the thought and care and warmth that went into the arrangements made for our men.

"I thank you, and through you, the people of Australia for what you are doing.

Sincerely,

LYNDON B. JOHNSON "

Mr. Holt, in welcoming the message today, said: "It is good to learn that the U.S. servicemen coming here for R. and R. have formed such a favourable impression of Australia."

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