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PRESS APPOINTMENT FOR ROYAL VISIT

The Prime Minister, Mr Gorton, said today that press arrangements for next year's Royal Visit would be supervised by his Press Secretary, Mr Tony Eggleton.

As Press Co-ordinator for the visit, Mr Eggleton would be responsible for the coverage by Australian and overseas media, and would maintain close liaison with The Queen's Press Secretary.

Mr Gorton also announced that Mr Harry Rayner, the Director of Public Relations for the Department of Defence, had been appointed Commonwealth Press Liaison Officer. Mr Rayner would begin duty as soon as possible, and would handle the detailed arrangements for the large accredited press party expected to be following the Royal Visitors throughout their stay in Australia. He would be assisted by Mr Bruce King, of the Australian News and Information Bureau, who would be Assistant Commonwealth Press Liaison Officer.

Mr Gorton said that until the start of the Royal Visit, Mr Eggleton would combine his supervisory role as Press Co-ordinator with his duties as Press Secretary to the Prime Minister.

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