

FOR PRESS

PM No. 27/1970

MR WILFRED BURCHETT



The Prime Minister, Mr John Gorton, today received the following telegram from Mr Frank Galbally :-

"RESPECTFULLY REQUEST YOU ALLOW WILFRED BURCHETT TEMPORARY ENTRY TO AUSTRALIA TO ATTEND RECENTLY DECEASED BROTHER'S MEMORIAL SERVICE SUNDAY. FULL PARTICULARS TELEPHONED TO YOUR SECRETARY'S OFFICE. "

Mr Gorton replied as follows :-

"I ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR TELEGRAM OF TODAY'S DATE CONCERNING WILFRED BURCHETT. AS YOU KNOW CABINET HAS DECIDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL DO NOTHING EITHER TO GRANT MR BURCHETT AN AUSTRALIAN PASSPORT OR TO FACILITATE HIS TRAVEL IN ANY OTHER WAY. "

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CANBERRA,  
12 February 1970