



PRIME MINISTER

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VISIT OF MR. MARSHALL GREEN

Statement by the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon William McMahon, CH, MP

The visit to Australia by Mr. Marshall Green has provided the opportunity to discuss in a very full and frank way the results of President Nixon's visit to the People's Republic of China.

Mr. Green emphasised that United States policy in Asia remained the same today as it had been prior to the President's visit, and that United States support for its treaty allies in the region remained as firm as previously.

No secret commitments had been entered into in Peking and there were no negotiations which compromised the basic interests of United States allies in the Pacific.

The Australian Government welcomes these assurances.

After hearing Mr. Marshall Green, there could be no doubt that the President's visit has opened up new prospects for a just and secure peace in our region.

CANBERRA,
15 March, 1972.