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AMBASSADORS' RETURN FOR CONSULTATIONS

The Foreign Minister, Mr Whitlam, announced today that he had asked the Australian Ambassador in Washington, Sir James Plimsoll, and the Australian Ambassador to the United Nations, Sir Lawrence McIntyre, to return to Australia for consultations.

Mr Whitlam said he wished to discuss personally with Sir James questions concerning Australian/American relations in the future. With Sir Lawrence he would be considering Australia's role in the United Nations, especially in the Security Council after Australia takes its seat on 1 January 1973.

The two Ambassadors are expected to arrive in Canberra later this month.