



PRIME MINISTER

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PAPUA NEW GUINEA

The Prime Minister, Mr Whitlam, tonight released the text of a telegram he had sent to the Chief Minister of Papua New Guinea, Mr Michael Somare:

"PLEASE ACCEPT MY HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS ON THE HISTORIC DECISION TAKEN BY THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY TODAY. I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING CLOSE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS AND OUR TWO NATIONS. MAY I EXPRESS MY PROFOUND ADMIRATION FOR YOUR SUCCESS IN STEERING PAPUA NEW GUINEA TO FULL NATIONHOOD. WARMEST WISHES.

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