



PRIME MINISTER

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VISIT TO AUSTRALIA BY U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

The Prime Minister met today a visiting delegation from the Congress of the United States. The delegation led by Speaker "Tip" O'Neill, and including representatives of both Parties, is the most senior and influential Congressional delegation to have visited Australia. The delegation's membership list is attached.

During 45 minutes of discussion between the Prime Minister and members of the delegation matters of mutual interest were discussed, including Australia/US relations and aspects of the broader international scene.

In extending a warm welcome to the Congressional delegation the Prime Minister re-affirmed the value of such high-level exchanges between the US and Australia who are both close allies and close friends.

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DELEGATION OF UNITED STATES CONGRESSMEN

Thomas P. O'Neill (Democrat - Massachusetts)

Dan Rostenkowski (Democrat - Illinois)

Silvio O. Conte (Republican - Massachusetts)

John H. Rhodes (Republican - Arizona)

Joseph O. Minish (Democrat - New Jersey)

Joseph M. McDade (Republican - Pennsylvania)

Jampa J. Howard (Democrat - New Jersey)

Tom Bayll (Democrat - Alabama)

Abraham Kazan (Democrat - Texas)

Charles B. Rangel (Democrat - New York)

C.W. Bill Young (Republican - Florida)

Ralph S. Regula (Republican - Ohio)

George O'Brien (Republican - Illinois)

Mertyn Russo (Democrat - Illinois)

Henry J. Hyde (Republican - Illinois)