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HONORARY ORDERS OF AUSTRALIA

Her Majesty The Queen has approved the Government's recommendations for three honorary appointments to the Order of Australia.

The awards are of Companion in the General Division of the Order of Australia and mark distinguished service given to Australia by non-Australians.

This is the second list of honorary awards to be given under the provisions of the Constitution of the Order of Australia. The first four honorary appointments were announced on Australia Day 1980.

The awards of Honorary Companion are to:

Mother Teresa (Bojaxhiu), O.B.E.

Missionaries of Charity, Lower Circular Road,
Calcutta 16, India.

His Excellency Mr. Shridath Surendranath Ramphal, Kt, C.M.G., Q.C.

Secretary-General, Commonwealth Secretariat,
Marlborough House, London.

The Rt. Hon. Brian Edward Talboys, C.H.

of 1 Hamilton Avenue, Winton, New Zealand. Former
New Zealand Minister for Foreign Affairs and
Overseas Trade.

Mr. Fraser said the Government when making its recommendations had had in mind the high standards set by the Council for the Order of Australia in recommending awards to Australian citizens. Honorary awards would continue to be limited and recommended on rare occasions at the Government's discretion.

Details of each of the citations are in the announcement by the Governor-General of The Queen's approval of the three honorary appointments.

Order of Australia: General Division
Appointments of Honorary Companion

Mother Teresa (Bojaxhiu), O.B.E.

Missionaries of Charity, 54a Lower Circular Road, Calcutta 16, India. Nobel Peace Prize Winner, 1979. Mother Teresa has devoted a significant part of her life to working for the poor and needy of many countries. She founded the Missionaries of Charity which operates more than 200 Missions in various countries. In Australia, there are Missions of the Order at Bourke, New South Wales; Katherine, Northern Territory; and Fitzroy, Victoria. She has visited Australia on many occasions. During a visit last October, Mother Teresa had talks on the establishment of a house of the Missionaries of Charity which opened early this month in West Avenue, Queanbeyan, New South Wales.

His Excellency Mr. Shridath Surendranath Ramphal, Kt, C.M.G., Q.C.

Secretary-General, Commonwealth Secretariat, Marlborough House, London. Mr. Ramphal has served the Commonwealth Secretariat with distinction since 1975. He has shown an eminent understanding of affairs concerning the nations of the Commonwealth and the international community in general. This has contributed to a wide appreciation of Australia's role in the Commonwealth. He played a leading role in the first Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting held in Melbourne recently.

The Rt. Honourable Brian Edward Talboys, C.H.

Former New Zealand Minister for Foreign Affairs and Overseas Trade, of 1 Hamilton Avenue, Winton, New Zealand. Mr. Talboys has made an outstanding contribution over many years to relations between Australia and New Zealand and to the ANZUS Alliance. In official negotiations on various matters he has shown a particular understanding of the importance of each country to the other. This understanding has contributed in a most significant way to the cementing of our bilateral relationship and is symbolised by his co-signature of the Nareen Declaration in 1978.