



PRIME MINISTER

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I shall visit the United States from 19-25 June.

The centrepiece of my visit will be Washington, where I look forward to renewing my contacts with President Reagan, Secretary of State Shultz and other senior officials of the Administration.

I have been invited to address a Joint Session of the United States Congress and will also hold meetings with senior Congressional leaders. I regard the invitation as a great honour for Australia.

I shall also visit New York, Chicago and Austin, Texas and take the opportunity to meet and address political, business, banking, and investment leaders in those centres.

I shall be visiting the United States at an important juncture. For example, President Reagan and General Secretary Gorbachev are scheduled to hold a Summit meeting in Moscow just prior to my visit. The Presidential election campaign leading to the installation of a new Administration in January 1989 will be well under way.

My visit will provide the opportunity to discuss major developments in international relations and the world economy with American leaders and to further Australia's important political and economic interests with our United States ally.