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VISIT TO AUSTRALIA BY PRESIDENT CLINTON

"I am very pleased to announce that President Clinton and Mrs Clinton will visit Australia from 19 to 23 November," the Acting Prime Minister, Tim Fischer, said today.

"President Clinton's visit is an important affirmation of the close bilateral relationship between Australia and the United States. This will be the Prime Minister's first meeting with the President and is an opportunity for Mr Howard to discuss with the President how Australia and the United States can further strengthen and expand our substantial relations.

"The President's visit will take place just before he and the Prime Minister attend the APEC leaders' meeting at Subic Bay in the Philippines. The United States plays a crucial economic and strategic role in the Asia-Pacific and the Prime Minister looks forward to discussing with President Clinton opportunities and challenges in the region. Australia-US ties, particularly in our alliance, make an important contribution to regional stability and prosperity.

"President Clinton will visit Canberra where he is expected to address the Australian Parliament and will hold talks with the Government. He will also visit Sydney and Cairns.

"The Australian Government looks forward to welcoming President Clinton to Australia," Mr Fischer said.

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