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PAKISTANI HONOUR FOR AUSTRALIAN

Statement by the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. R.G. Menzies

I have much pleasure in announcing that the President of Pakistan (Field Marshal Ayub Khan) has graciously conferred on Mr. B.C. Quayle, Assistant Parliamentary Draftsman, the high decoration of Sitara-I-Pakistan (Star of Pakistan), in recognition of his services as consulting draftsman in the final revision of the new Constitution of the Republic of Pakistan.

The Foreign Minister of Pakistan (Mr. Manzur Qadir) asked the Attorney-General, Sir Garfield Barwick, in Rawalpindi a year ago for assistance of this kind, and Mr. Quayle recently spent some weeks in Pakistan.

Mr. Qadir, who is understood to have been himself a principal author of the new Constitution, said last week in a public address that Mr. Quayle had "contributed a great deal in chiselling and polishing the language of the draft".

The Attorney-General had been delighted to make Mr. Quayle's services available, in token of the close ties of friendship and interest between Australia and Pakistan.

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